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City Council votes in favor of DDA public hearing

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

At the request of GUDA (Grayling Uptown District Association) and the Chamber of Commerce the Grayling City Council voted 3-2 on Monday, March 8, to conduct a public hearing on April 26 regarding a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The vote followed a recommendation by Dan Elliott, the City's DDA consultant, to gather more information before setting the hearing for April 26.

Elliott, who has worked on the formation of DDA's in two other Michigan communities, gave a detailed presentation on the process of creating a DDA, potential benefits and downsides, and offered advice to the council as well as the large group of merchants and concerned citizens at the meeting.

"(With a DDA) nothing happens in a hurry, it's not a magic solution," said Elliott, "but if you stick with it and have cooperation it can do you some good."

(A DDA can use various means to bring in revenue and can organize projects to beautify and improve a downtown area.)

Elliott said that area merchants, the city council, the county, the school system and local residents "must work together."

"If you can reach that point, there's plenty of reason to have a DDA. If you can't, don't try it," said Elliott.

Elliott went over a list of items he believes should be considered before establishing a DDA. He said the people involved need to decide what their objectives are, think of what the future holds for the community, identify a "declining commercial sector," draw DDA boundaries, and determine whether a Citizen District Council (CDC) will have to be formed.

By law, a CDC would have to be created if the DDA area contains more than 100 people. Elliott suggested avoiding the CDC, if possible.

"If you can keep it under 100, do it," said Elliott.

He said if a CDC is formed, every project the DDA does would have to go through the CDC, which can delay projects for months. The CDC votes, but the vote is only considered "advisory" to the DDA.

"It's a real problem with the Act," Elliott said. "(The CDC) has no authority, but can delay your projects. We're talking about a five-month delay."

The DDA boundary has been one of the most controversial issues with regards to the situation.

GUDA and other involved merchants have insisted they provided adequate maps with a few alternatives to the City, and representatives of the City have stated that the boundaries shown on the maps are not satisfactory.

Elliott cautioned the council and the DDA proponents to look carefully at the DDA area. In addition to the CDC dilemma, the area has to be determined with respect to who exactly is included.

He said that the "strip mall" merchants may be included, but often times these merchants have different needs and concerns than downtown businesses. He stressed that "individual businesses" would have to cooperate in order for the DDA to work.

Elliott also stressed that DDA money can only be spent within the borders of the DDA.

The DDA boundaries also have to satisfy a legal requirement, which is a "declining" area. Elliott said documenting such a premise is difficult, and the law (the Downtown Development Act) "is vague" with respect to that point. "The law was originally created for Detroit. In Detroit it was easy. It was assessed and the decline was obvious."

Elliott said that one way to document a "decline" would be to compare the DDA area with other areas.

After gathering all the appropriate information and having meetings with all the affected parties, Elliott said the next steps of establishing a hearing and creating the DDA board can take place.

GUDA and some area merchants insisted that the DDA process has been going on for over 10 years, and much of what Elliott was suggesting they do has already been done.

"GUDA and the Chamber and everyone here today are ready to work with the Mayor and the City Council," said James Briney, GUDA's representative on the DDA matter. "We have worked to gather the information. This group is expecting action, which is to establish."

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Wearin' o' the green comes early to Grayling



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

IRISH MAGIC - (Above) Two members of the Celtic Step Dancers perform while the Encore Wind Orchestra plays an Irish tune. (Right) Jane Arney plays a haunting rendition of *Danny Boy* on her concertina.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A near capacity crowd encompassing all age groups enjoyed *Irish Magic* last Sunday afternoon, March 7, in the Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Before the program began, local patrons were treated to delicious desserts that included Key Lime pie, Black Forest cake, Eli's New York Cheesecake, raspberry tortes and much more. Tables were

decorated with lush green shamrocks in bloom.

The program included a variety of Irish music performed by The Encore Wind Orchestra and dancing by the Celtic Step Dancers.

Jane Arney played her concertina and shared the story of an Irish farmer who finds a tiny gold ring, returns it to a leprechaun and is granted a wish he would soon regret.

New animal shelter gets closer to becoming reality

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Planning Commission brought the idea of a new Crawford County Animal Shelter closer to fruition at their February 23 meeting.

A public hearing was held to discuss requests filed with the

Parents will get 'caught in the act'

During Parenting Awareness Month, the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council is launching a *Caught in the Act of Positive Parenting* campaign. This campaign was designed to celebrate the successful parenting that is happening in our communities.

Throughout the month of March, the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council members will be on the look-out for parents displaying their great parenting skills in and around the community, and will award these parents with a *Caught in the Act of Positive Parenting* magnet, and a personal thank you for their efforts in positive parenting.

Township regarding five acres behind the county fairground and if it can be used for the purposes of an animal shelter.

Representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Susan Thiel filed a formal request to allow a non-profit community animal shelter as a Conditional Use of the property.

Jodi Potter, secretary of the Crawford County Fair Association, filed a request to amend the original site plan to allow approximately one-quarter mile of road to be constructed for use as a driveway to the

proposed shelter. The driveway would run through designated buffer or quiet zones.

The Commission gave unanimous approval to both requests, having received letters in favor of the proposed land use and new shelter from the DNR, the Grayling Youth Booster Club, Grayling Township, Environmental Officer Pat Merrill and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

"The land has not been signed over yet, but the DNR is pretty committed to allowing us these five acres," said Animal Shelter

Director, Dixie Lobsinger.

"Now we have a helluva lot of money to raise," she said. The cost of the new shelter is estimated at \$350,000.

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the building project can send their check to: Animal Shelter Project Fund, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

This fund is separate from the Operating Fund. That address is: P.O. Box 869, Grayling, MI 49738.

Be sure to mark your check accordingly.

Polar Bear patches recreated for vandalized uniforms

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A combined effort between a local dressmaker and an embroidery specialist resulted in the recreation of three rare historic World War I patches, torn off two uniforms and stolen from a display case late last summer at the Crawford County Historic Museum.

Using his modern embroidery equipment, Larry Raymond of Sylvester's re-created the Polar Bear patch that was created for American soldiers who served in the North Russian Expeditionary Force during World War I.

Once the replication was perfected and the patches were embroidered onto the traditional felt backing, Pine Needles owner Cora Flowers painstakingly sewed the patches back onto the old damaged uniforms, making repairs as needed. The third patch will be put back in its display case.

Both Flowers and Raymond did the work at no cost to the Museum.

Museum official Bob Ruddy said he is so grateful that these local artists came forward to help and they did a beautiful job in restoring a piece of the past.

The uniforms are now ready and will be on display when the Museum re-opens this spring.

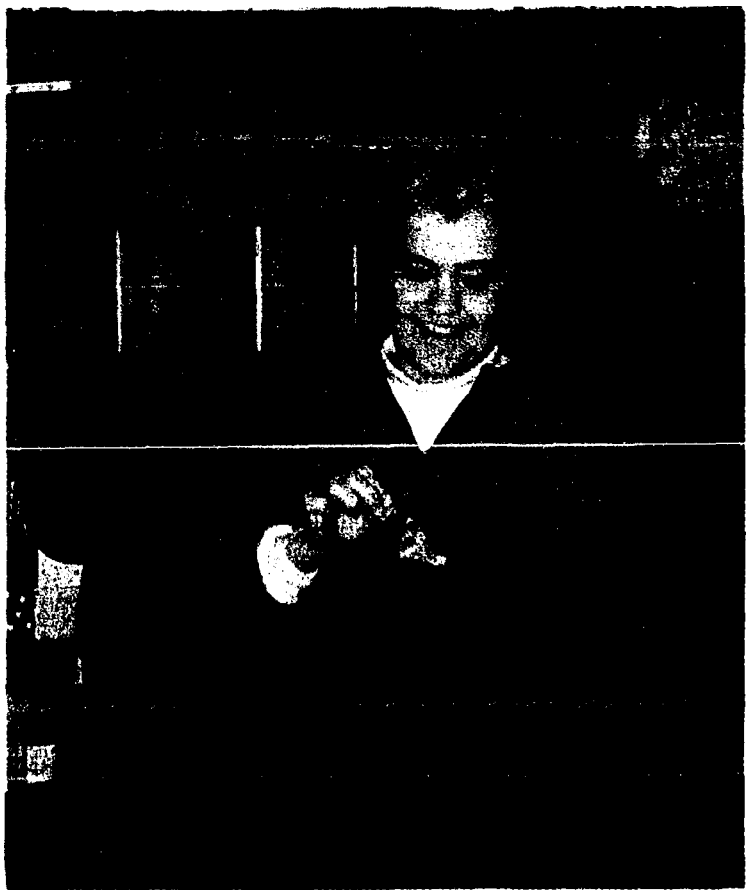


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LOVINGLY REPAIRED - Cora Flowers demonstrates how she repaired World War I uniforms after they were damaged last fall at the Crawford County Historic Museum when someone tore off and stole rare Polar bear patches from their sleeves.

St. Patrick's Day fund raiser planned to help Emily

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Eagles Club will be hosting another dinner to benefit Emily Grosskopf on St. Patrick's Day.

A Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, including rolls and dessert, is planned for March 17, at the Eagles Club on Huron Street (M-72 East) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Three-year old Emily spent the month of January in Mielno, Poland at the Euromed Center receiving specialized treatment that helps her learn how to use muscles she has never used due to cerebral palsy.

Linda Grosskopf, Emily's mother, said that the treatment was long and difficult, but her daughter has



Emily Grosskopf

shown improvements in her eyesight, motor skills and attitude.

Emily will return to Poland in May for another month-long treatment session and her family needs the help of the community again to help fund the trip. Another trip is planned for August.

This is the second benefit dinner for Emily that the Grayling Eagles have hosted and club members say they are hopeful that the turn-out will be just as grand as the last.

Cost of the dinner is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. Kids age five and under eat free.

On Saturday, March 20 a benefit Teen Dance will be held at Grayling High School. This will give high school students a chance to help Emily, too.

Cost to get in the dance is \$3 and it will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Anyone with questions about Emily's treatment, the St. Patrick's Day dinner, Teen Dance, or how to make a donation, please call 348-5287.

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A map of the United States with a grid overlay. Fifteen stars are placed on the grid to indicate the locations of the study sites. The stars are concentrated in the northern and central regions of the country, with a few scattered in the southern and western areas.

The lands under consideration for leasing are located in the following Counties and Townships:

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Crawford	Melita Forest and Frederick
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Marquette	Marquette, Bear Lake, Claron, Pleasanton, and Springdale
Michigan	Jessup and Lincoln
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Presque Isle	Cass and Sherman
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Surface owners of lands where the State-owned mineral rights are being offered, will be notified prior to the lease sale.

A list that indicates the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered at the sale, and their classification, may be obtained by contacting the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Real Estate Division, PO Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948 (telephone 517-373-7883).

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by the Real Estate Division of Department of Natural Resources, at the address specified above, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 30, 1990. Any requests for change in classification must specify the reason, and will be considered by the Department prior to offering the same rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

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Grayling Township receives environmental award

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Environmentally, Grayling Township is award-winning when it comes to recycling and blight control.

On February 6, Terry Wright accepted the O.B. Eustice Environmental Award, recognizing three programs developed by Grayling Township which have resulted in a cleaner environment for residents and visitors alike.

The award is given out annually at the Responsible Environmental Action Partnership (REAP) banquet. REAP recognizes a group, business and an individual each year for the environmental awards.

Grayling Township resident Jack Pilon nominated the Township because of their reduction in recyclables going to the local landfill as a direct result of recycling services offered at the Recycling Station.

The Transfer Station is also the site of Township composting. Residents can bring their yard wastes and add them to the big pile out in back. The resulting compost and mulch is free for the taking during regular hours.

His nomination also included details on the Township's ordinance enforcement program that has been responsible for cleaning up over 125



Photo courtesy of Grayling Township

AWARD WINNERS – Three awards were given out on February 6 at the annual Responsible Environmental Action Partnership (REAP) banquet. The awards are made in memory of O.B. Eustice, the late environmentalist and nature columnist. From left are Jenny French, daughter of O.B. Eustice, Jim Zavislak of Hillman, Dennis Werbilow of ABTCO in Alpena, Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright and Carl Kelly of REAP.

sites of junk and debris, considered "blight" situations.

Finally, Pilon wrote to the REAP and described the 1998 spring clean-up program that was responsible for properly disposing of more than 1,000 cubic yards of large items

from households in the Township. This program helps keep hard-to-dispose of items, such as furniture and appliances, from being dumped on forest lands.

Now the Township offers large item disposal on an appointment

basis, with collection dumpsters used to haul away metal and wood on a rotating basis.

For more information about Grayling Township's recycling and large item collection programs, please call 348-4361.

Kirtland passes evaluation – earns re-accreditation

On Wednesday, February 24, Kirtland Community College learned of its re-accreditation.

"Kirtland Community College has demonstrated that it fulfills the General Institutional Requirements and Criteria for Accreditation, and that it can be expected to continue to fulfill these requirements and criteria in the future. It is therefore the unanimous recommendation of the team that the next comprehensive evaluation be scheduled for the 2008-09 academic year."

That was the final paragraph in a preliminary team draft which was presented by the North Central Association (NCA) evaluation team in the President's Board Room crowded with college employees and trustees. The team had just concluded two and one-half days of inspection of the college's records and operations, and completed interviews with Board members, staff, faculty and students.

Team leader, Dr. James F. Weber, President of Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, Colorado, emphasized as he read the four-page draft, that it was indeed a prelimi-

nary document. There will be some further study by The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and a final report should be available in about six to eight weeks.

Kirtland President Dorothy N. Franke, said she was pleased to hear the evaluation team's report. "The team members were thorough and professional and most helpful to us in pointing out both our strengths and our problems," said Franke.

"Accreditation is a serious, difficult and necessary process educational institutions are required to complete each decade in order to assure themselves, and the communities they serve, that they are doing their work well. I'm proud to say that Kirtland has done exceptionally well."

The evaluation draft listed several "distinguishing strengths" of the College including the awareness of responsibility and commitment by its Board of Trustees in meeting the needs of the community; loyalty of its faculty and staff; beauty of the campus and the new buildings cur-

rently under construction; the College's dedication to community service; its well-designed and operated occupational programs; excellent processes for involvement by all campus constituencies in problem-solving and decision making; a high level of commitment on the part of faculty, staff and administrators to giving students personal attention; and, excellent progress in resolving the college's previous financial problems and in establishing a resource base for the future.

The document also listed some institutional challenges needing special attention in the near or immediate future, including two areas of concern which are in progress in most community colleges:

- A plan for assessment of student academic achievement, which has been only partially implemented; and,

- The need for a clear and concise statement and guiding philosophy regarding the purposes of general education.

The NCA evaluation team offered some advice and a number of suggestions for institutional improve-

ment which are advisory in nature not a requirement of the college's accreditation. The team also recommended that a progress report be provided by May 31, 2001 on implementation of the College's assessment plan and in defining its philosophy of general education.

A complete text of the preliminary draft of the NCA evaluation team recommendations is available in the President's office at Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5000 Ext. 253.

A copy of the text may also be seen on the assessment page of the College's web site: <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~assess/>

Correction

In the March 4 edition of The Avalanche an error was made in the story concerning Marilyn Rosi joining the Grayling Family Practice.

The story stated that Nurse Practitioner Rosi sees, on average, about 20 patients per week.

Rosi sees to an average of 20 patients per day during her three-day work week.

Parents' Group hosts Reading Fun Night Help replace fish hatchery roof

Are you looking for a change of pace? Something different to do? Some good, old-fashioned fun? Well, look no further than the AuSable Primary School cafeteria on March 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The Parents' Group will be holding their annual Reading Fun Night and they promise it will be a night to remember.

The evening will start off with a hot dog and bean dinner, served by none other than school principals Barbara Mick and Judy Bonne. Dessert is included with baked goods donated by parents.

After dinner, be prepared to laugh, sing and enjoy yourself. At 7 p.m. storyteller/musician David McNinch will present a program that includes stories and folk music.

He will introduce unusual musical instruments such as the jaw harp,

musical saw, bones, and nose flute along with his banjo, ukulele and harmonica. McNinch encourages audience participation.

Also, the Parents' Group will have information tables set up promoting their group's activities.

The Grayling Community Library will be there with all kinds of great ideas for you on reading and Title I will have information on how to help your child read, great reading materials and what their group can do to help.

There will also be information on the "Circle of Friends" brick sale and Earth Day Clean-Up.

Help replace fish hatchery roof

Crawford County Environmental Officer Pat Merrill was interviewed on Channel 7 & 4 News Monday night regarding the restoration of the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

In order to preserve the white building, Merrill and others working on this project know that the roof has to be replaced this spring, and is therefore asking for public support.

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward roof replacement costs can send their check to: Fish Hatchery Restoration Project, 200 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

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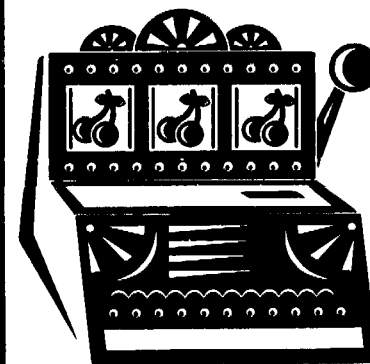
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Paper bags may be in order

(Editor's Note: Michigan lawmakers are forever tinkering with Michigan's strong Freedom of Information laws. They certainly will again, if not this year then sometime. In 1995, when this Almanack appeared, the question was secret meetings to select university presidents. Points in this column may be worth considering again, especially since our columnist is on vacation.)

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE -- along with most leaders of higher education -- seem intent on shutting the public out of selection of university presidents. Up until now, Michigan Freedom of Information laws give the public the right to know what's going on when leaders are picked for Michigan's multi-million dollar

business of higher education.

Often that's inconvenient for those who want these jobs, which pay well over \$100,000 a year in public money, usually along with housing and other lucrative perks of office.

Those who want to change the system contend that openness chases away the best candidates.

While that's questionable, there's some validity to the claim that a completely open system might discourage some applicants.

Some may not want it known they covet another job -- people such as their present bosses, or their colleagues, or just friends and neighbors.

Others may not want it known that they applied for a job, and didn't get it -- especially if they didn't even make the final cut.

THE STATE SENATE (in 1995) passed a bill to close the process until the list of finalists is down to three. Then it opens up, and the public would have 30 days in which to react.

Senate debate hatched the idea that the magic number should be one -- the public should not be let in on the process until the final selection has been made.

Perhaps we should go one step further.

How about the idea that the public has no right to know who the final choice is at all?

If secrecy will make for a better selection of university president, then it follows that secrecy will improve the performance of the president once selected.

The new president can make decisions

regardless of outside pressures. The new president can cut programs here, and increase programs there, and raise or lower tuition, and fire deadwood professors -- and nobody will know who did it, and the new president can pursue efficiency and promote only what's good for the university, without fear of public reaction.

SECRECY WILL BE the key to progress. The president can wear a plain paper sack over his/her head, and the public can judge performance on the basis of result without concern for personality or method.

That makes as much sense as picking a president in secrecy in the first place.

If a potential university president cannot stand the pressure of public scrutiny before

she/he is selected, can he/she be expected to stand the pressure of public scrutiny of job performance?

Including in any government operation -- including public universities -- may bring comfort and ease to those involved.

But is it right? Maybe we should extend the paper-bag option to all public officials.

Would members of the legislature make different and better decisions, for example, if the public's not allowed to know what's going on until the decisions are made and the laws enacted?

It's the same principle.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



VIEWPOINT

by Paul C. Compo, Crawford County Controller

Accepting controller position was the right decision after all

"How are things going?", I was asked. In a word... great! I have been the controller for Crawford County for almost four months now, and I can honestly say that I could not be happier in this position.

The unusual thing about this position, and me being a part of it, is how it came about. My wife and I tend to be fairly conservative, we try to be safe with our decisions. So many issues that arise when someone is trying to decide whether or not to change jobs, were simply answered for us, one at a time.

When I reflect on what we as a family decided -- to leave a job that I had been involved in for fourteen years, a job I was knowledgeable about and secure in -- and accept a new position that was totally different, 139 miles away, in an unfamiliar area, to say the least, is very uncharacteristic of us.

I find myself excited, thrilled, and positive it was the right decision.

The only negative about being in this position is being away from my family so much. We knew this would be tough, if only temporary, but we felt that it was a necessary sacrifice.

The good news is, last week, we accepted a purchase agreement for our home. Hopefully, we will close by mid-April. My wife, Michelle, only has eight more weeks of college, and we have been looking for our new house.

We try to focus on "the light at the end of the tunnel" and know that we will be together everyday, soon. For those who are unsure of what I do, I will try to give you an idea. I am the chief financial officer of Crawford County. I review the budget reports every month. I look for areas where we have spent too much money or other areas in which we have not collected enough.

I am involved in the current labor negotiations, any grievances, or any hiring decisions. I am included in any discussion that concerns the finances of the county and any plans that could involve county money or county liability in the future. I help in the researching of questions directed by the Board of Commissioners, and I help in the follow-up that is required after the Commissioners meet.

I view this position as one that is responsible for providing all the necessary information to the Board

of Commissioners, so that they can make the best decisions for the County.

As for the position, I am still overwhelmed, but I find myself learning something everyday. The people who I work with have been very supportive. Everyone has been real patient in allowing me to learn the job at a pace with which I am comfortable.

The one thing that I would like to comment on though, is the people. The individuals that are employed by Crawford County, whether an office clerk, or an elected official, are of the highest caliber. So often I hear these people talk about the importance of servicing the community, of responsibility to the taxpayers and the residents -- of how the citizens of Crawford County would "feel about this issue."

The people that I work with are very much in tune with their responsibilities, and in giving the best effort they have for the people of Crawford County.

This community has a lot to be proud of in its employees and its elected officials. Having said that, I am honored to be here, and sincerely hope to provide the service that you have come to expect.

Exercise addiction can cause damage to the body and mind

Consider it a good thing gone bad.

While doctors and public health officials stress the importance of exercise, some people go too far with their physical workouts. They are exercise addicts, at risk of physical and psychological damage no less harmful than that afflicting drug or alcohol addicts.

"If your life is altered, is harmed, is damaged by your commitment to excessive exercise, then you should consider that to be a problem," says Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., chairman of the University of Michigan Health System's Department of Family Medicine.

Exercise addiction can lead to broken marriages, neglected work responsibilities and ignored friendships. There also is a physical toll, as the body is so overworked it can no longer adequately fight disease and infection.

Physicians don't want to downplay the need for exercise. In Michigan, 56 percent of adults are physically inactive; 33 percent of Michigan adults had no regular exercise at all in 1996, according to the state Department of Community Health, one-third of Michiganians are overweight--more than in any other state, according to the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical

Fitness, Health and Sports.

Nationwide, the U.S. Surgeon General has reported that more than 60 percent of adults neglect getting the recommended level of physical activity. In particular, women, blacks, Hispanic, and older adults do not exercise enough.

"An increasing number of people are not exercising, a small number of people are exercising more, and a very small number of people are actually exercising too much and overdoing it," Schwenk says.

There is no medical test to determine exercise addiction, but there are signs to watch for. People who over-exercise will continue to work out even if they're hurt or sick. These who jog or exercise outdoors will ignore storm warnings and bad weather. Others will neglect their family and friends, isolating themselves solely to exercise.

"You're gone so much or you organize your life around either training or competition, to the exclusion of the people around you or the responsibilities around you," Schwenk says.

Control may be a motivating factor in exercise addiction, he says. "Exercise is something that one can control. You can control

the time, you can control how much you do, you can actually measure distance, time and weight. If you look at one's day-to-day life, there aren't too many places where you have the sort of certainty," Schwenk says. "I think control is a big issue in exercise addiction."

Over-exercising also can be related to eating disorders, such as anorexia nervosa, and depression.

The greatest physical harm of over-exercising is that it creates fatigue and wears down the body's immune system.

"You're just more susceptible to infection. Just more infections, more colds, more upper respiratory infections, always sort of sick," Schwenk says. Psychological signs of over-exercising include fatigue, depression, irritability and lack of concentration.

Schwenk says it is best for people to use moderation when exercising. "The biggest problem, by far, is that too few people exercise. In terms of numbers and in terms of impact on health, too little exercise is far more important than too much exercise," he says.

For more information, call U-M TeleCare at (800) 742-2300 and select category 1010 or, on the World Wide Web, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/> and select Health Tip of the Week.

Reader asks for changes to animal shelter pet info

To the editor,

I read your *Avalanche* every week. I have noticed that you always put the animal shelter news on the back page with almost no information about the pet.

If I were to change something, I would put the picture of the animal in the middle of the paper.

Now, for the information, I think that you should include approxi-

mately how old the animal is, how big they are now, how big they will get and how much you are asking for the animal.

Thank you for taking time to listen to my concerns. I would like to see the changes made, but it is not up to me to make them.

Tracey Lewis
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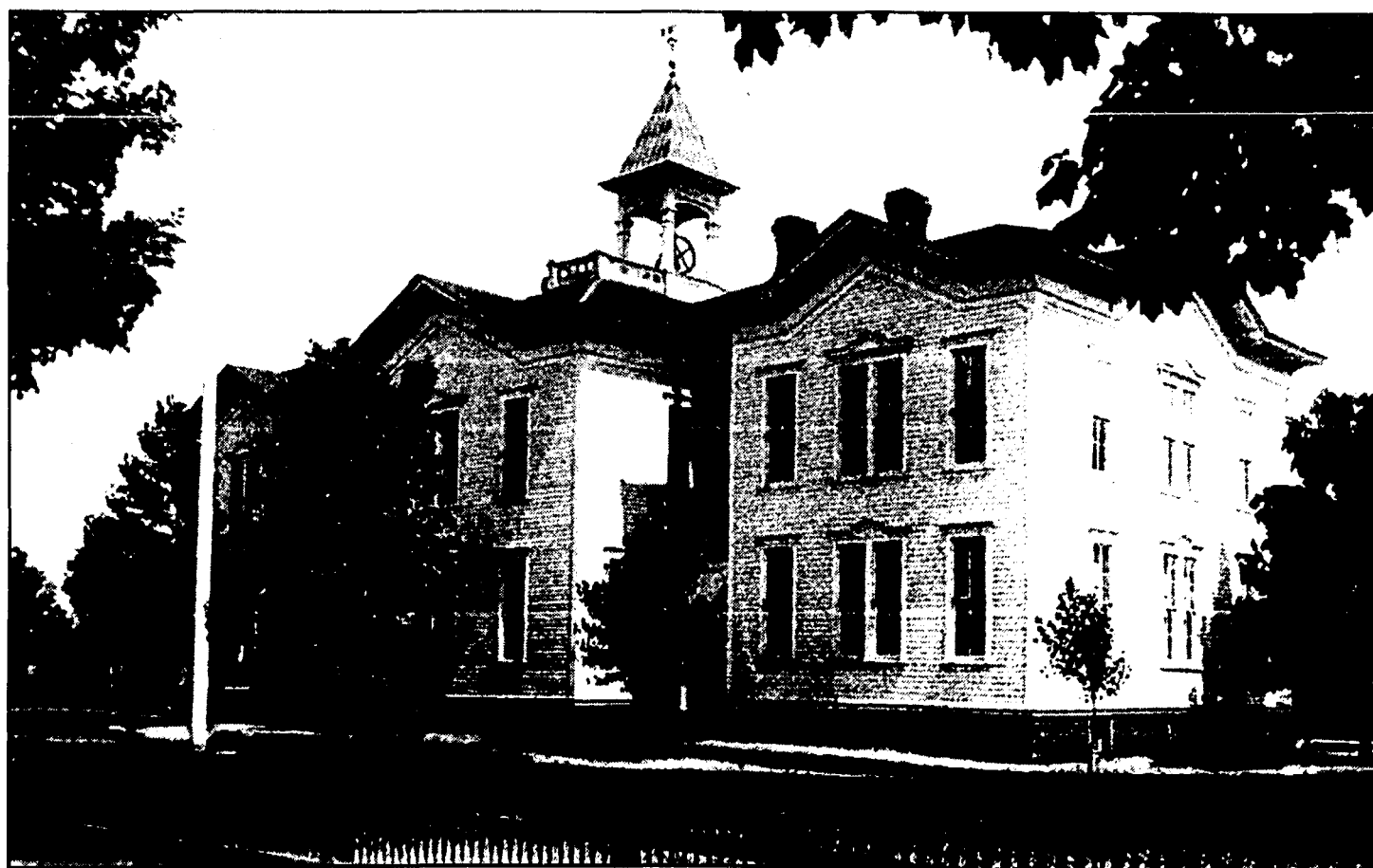
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Historically Speaking



OLD SCHOOL -- The old Grayling High School, located where the middle school is now.

BRIEFS

Dog license fees increase on March 15

Beginning March 15, the fees for male or female dogs will change from \$10 to \$20. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from \$6 to \$12. Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals on Isehnauer Road, the Crawford County Animal Shelter on Huron Street (M72 East) or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office in the County Building on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Join the square dancing in Roscommon

Everyone is invited to join in the fun of square dancing at the CRAF Center in Roscommon on Thursday, March 11. Rounds begin at 7 p.m. and Squares begin at 7:30 p.m. For more details, please call Betty Mansfield at 348-8562.

Eagles plan All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will hold an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, March 24 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The meal includes Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, cole slaw, potato wedges or french fries, and assorted desserts. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids and kids under five eat free. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call 348-5287.

St. John Ladies to host lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party Wednesday, March 17 in the fellowship hall beginning at 12 noon. For more information, call 348-5224. Everyone is welcome.

ADD/ADHD parents group to meet

At the March 16 ADD/ADHD Parents Support Group meeting, Joanne Riebschleger of Bayside Counseling in Houghton Lake will be the guest speaker. The group will meet in the Grayling Middle School Conference Room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, child care provided and transportation to and from the meeting is available. For more information, please call 348-7641, ext. 527 or 528.

Time running out for Pictionary sign-up

The 12th Annual Pictionary Olympics to support the AuSable River Festival Parade is still looking for teams. The event takes place on Saturday, March 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall. The event is sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. Entry fee is \$60 per team of four. For more information call Deb Zelek at 348-8757 or Mary Jo Bickman at 348-6551.

VA Fund Raiser for Fun winners drawn

The 9th Annual VA Fund Raiser for Fun pool tournament raffle winners are: First Prize and winner of a 1999 Arctic Cat Z370 snowmobile - David A. Marme of Flint; Second Place and winner of a Model 94 Winchester 30-30 rifle - Aaron Pelton of Roscommon; Third Prize and winner of \$150 K-Mart shopping spree - June V. Haag of Roscommon. The drawing was held on February 20.

GPA rotates lunchtime meeting places

Recently the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has been on the move. In January, lunchtime meetings were held at the Gray Rock Cafe. During February and March meetings will be held at Spike's Keg O' Nails. A committee was established to suggest the next meeting place and a decision will be made at the March 23 meeting. Watch the Community Calendar in *The Avalanche* for future meeting sites. Guests are always welcome to join the GPA for lunch at Spike's from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Join them and you have a chance to win the "mystery" prize.

Stripe hosts Rock-n-Roll Oldies Show

As part of the Crawford AuSable Community Education Cultural Events' "Learning Through Music Series," the *Rock-n-Roll Oldies Show*, featuring singing group Sh-Boom will be presented Thursday, March 11 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium inside Grayling High School. Sh-Boom performs 50's and 60's vintage songs and encourages audience participation. This is a show designed to entertain all age groups. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, please call 348-7641, ext. 120 or 123. Tickets will be sold at the door the night of the performance.

Weyerhaeuser rep will speak to Kiwanis

The speaker for the Monday, March 15 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling will be Lee Bresmon of Weyerhaeuser Corporation. The meeting will be held at Shoppenagon's Inn at 12:10 p.m. Guest are welcome.

Crawford County Library to host comedic magician



POULTRY IN MOTION - Professional magician and juggler Ben Spitzer will entertain at the Crawford County Library this Saturday at 11 a.m. Be sure to catch his "rubber chicken" act aptly dubbed Poultry in Motion.

Ben Spitzer, professional magician and juggler will be at the Crawford County Library Saturday, March 13 at 11 a.m.

Spitzer learned his first magic tricks from his uncle at the age of eight. By age 11, he had taught himself to juggle. He has performed for a wide variety of venues from home parties to Fox Television Network.

Spitzer will treat the audience with his amazing and hilarious

routines. He will keep rubber chickens air-bound with his specialty "poultry in motion" act.

For more information call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The phone is 348-9214. Web site is www.grayling-mi.com/library.htm

Bowmen host archery shoot in memory of Terry Barr

On Sunday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Bear's Bowmen will host the Terry Barr Memorial Archery Shoot at Hanson Hills. The competition will be an indoor, 3-D shoot, and will include moveable targets.

Bill Weaver of the Bear's Bowmen describes the event as a "fun shoot," and said the targets will include 3-D bears, deer, turkey and raccoons, among others.

"We usually get a pretty good turnout," said Weaver. "We get a lot of guys from other clubs who like the indoor shoots in the winter time."

Weaver said that the moving targets and shooting from blinds and tree stands really make for an interesting archery experience.

"It's not just the same old thing, shooting at targets," Weaver said.

The cost for participation will be \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-

members.

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and there will also be a 50/50 raffle drawing during the event.

All proceeds will go to the Terry Barr Charity, which benefits crippled children.

If you have any questions, call Brian Johnson at 348-1410 (home) or 348-3242 (work).

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THURS 11	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
FRI 12	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 13	•BEN SPITZER, professional magician and juggler will be at the Crawford County Library at 11 a.m.
SUN 14	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 15	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 16	•GPA MEETING @ Spike's, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ALANON MEETING @ St. Mary's at 8:00 p.m. - AA Hotline: 348-5445.
WED 17	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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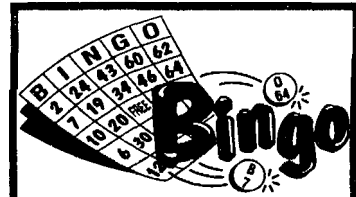
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Saturday - 6:30 pm
Frederic
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Department
Frederic Township Hall

The Bible Speaks

Global warming?

Remember the warnings of Global Warming when the warm waters from El Niño brought unseasonable warmer weather to most of the U.S.? Yet, when the sister movement La Niña followed El Niño bringing record cold temperatures this winter to cities across the U.S., it has been largely ignored.

Europe also has faced heavy snows and record frigid temperatures which has disrupted air, rail and road traffic. You remember the avalanche last month in the French Alps where the road by the Borgard hotel was buried under 30 feet of snow. In Poland, the country's winter cold death toll was reported at 190. England and Wales also experienced record cold temperatures. In northern Finland, temperatures dropped to a record minus 33 degrees Fahrenheit. Anchorage, Alaska had the lowest temperature ever recorded in February this winter. Tanana, Alaska recorded a low of minus 61 degrees during the same time. Citizens in Alaska are begging Washington, D. C. to stop pushing the politics of global warming.

When I was young, scientists were warning us that environmental pollution was leading us into another coming Ice Age. Today, some scientists are arguing that the same human pollution is leading us into global warming. Nothing is more

certain from science than the uncertainty with which they can predict the effects of environmental pollution upon weather changes. The only sure thing is the billions of dollars they will spend in an attempt to control the weather. Yet, the only control we know will be established by these billions of dollars is more global government; more control of the people, in the name of the weather.

God is in control of the weather, and will continue His control in the future. (Genesis 8:22) "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (James 5:7) "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." God promised to bless us with good weather when we obey Him. (Leviticus 26:4) "Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." God promised to bless the weather and crops of that nation which puts Him first. (Deuteronomy 28:12) "The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of

thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."

There is a danger when we stop giving God the credit for our weather. (Jeremiah 5:24) "Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season; he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest." Even during the future 1,000 year earthly reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, those nations which do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ will receive no rain for their crops. (Zechariah 14:17) "And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." We need not fear El Niño nor La Niña, but rather El-Shaddai, The Almighty God!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Evangelist to visit local Tabernacle

Evangelist Ralph Rawls will be conducting services from March 14 through March 24 at Abundant Life Tabernacle.

Rawls has been a minister with the Assemblies of God since 1978. He and his family live in Garner, North Carolina.

Services begin at 7 p.m. week-nights and Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the church located at 211 Shellenbarger Street in Grayling.

Please call (517) 348-5325 for more information.

Come and be blessed as Rawls shares "A message of Hope and Encouragement."

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Christian music contest

Just a reminder... Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn. is still conducting its 5th Annual Artist and Song Search.

The *Ultimate Talent Search* will offer over \$50,000 in prizes, which includes a recording contract for the Grand Prize Winner in the Artist's Division.

The Grand Prize-winning song will be recorded and distributed nationwide to Christian Radio. Entry forms are available and must be received by Embassy

Music no later than March 22, 1999.

Last year's *Ultimate Talent Search* winner was Rob Brooks of Lexington, Kentucky. His self-penned song, *The Love of God*, landed in the top 15 on Christian Radio's national chart.

To receive an entry form, call The Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-2500 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323, Nashville, TN 37217.

March is Eye Donor Month

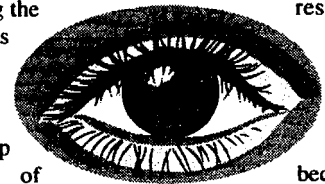
During March, which is Eye Donor Month, the Michigan Eye-Bank urges you to consider becoming a donor some day.

By simply signing the back of your driver's license and telling your family about your decision, you could one day help restore the sight of someone suffering from corneal related blindness. The Eye-Bank has given thousands of children and adults a sec-

ond chance at sight by providing eye and corneal tissue for transplantation. But, in order to meet the continuous demand for the sight-restoring surgery, the public's help is needed.

The public can make a difference by signing up to become a donor.

For more information about eye and tissue donation, call the Michigan Eye-Bank at 1-800-247-7250.



Church Directory

A LICK AND A PROMISE?



Sunday Numbers
14:1-25
Monday
Psalm 80
Tuesday
2 Samuel 22:1-20
Wednesday
2 Samuel 22:21-51
Thursday
1 Kings 8:22-30
Friday
1 Kings 8:31-40
Saturday
1 Kings 8:41-53

In the "old days" when soap and water weren't as plentiful and accessible, the bath was a weekly occurrence, usually on Saturday night in the old wash tub. It erased the grime of the previous week, but that could only last for so long, for the rest of the week bathing was just "a lick and a promise."

As time passed, bathing has become more frequent and elegant. Tubs come in a variety of materials, sizes and styles. The bath has progressed from a weekly necessity to a daily experience, complete with scented candles, leaving one feeling tranquil and refreshed after an exhausting day.

Do we give the same attention to our spiritual cleansing? We may be cheating ourselves of that blissful tranquility provided by a refreshed spirit. Worship regularly in God's House, and visit Him in daily prayer. Your soul deserves more than "a lick and a promise."

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Sabbath School... 10:30 am
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Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
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Relief Society... 12 noon

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Wednesday... 7 pm

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Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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Kirtland Community College will offer, under the auspices of the North Central Michigan Nursing Continuing Education Consortium, a seminar entitled "Women's Health Issues" Wednesday, March 24, 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn Conference Center, West Branch.

The course is designed to present the nurse with an overview of women's health issues. Topics such as endometriosis, reproductive organ cancers, breast cancer and hormone replacement therapy will be presented.

Featured speakers for the seminar will be: Thomas Markus, MD, Bay City OBG, PC, Bay City; Michelle

Marineau, RN, MSN, FNP, CS, Kirtland Community College, Roscommon; and Patricia M. Clark, MSN, RN, CS, AOCN, Oncology Consultant, Roscommon.

Program participants will discuss and describe the pathophysiology of endometriosis, and the diagnosis and care of the client with endometriosis; the pathophysiology of cancer and the diagnosis and care of clients with reproductive organ cancer and breast cancer; and, they will contrast the benefits versus risks of hormone replacement therapy in differing populations of women.

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hours are provided by the seminar. The seminar registration, which includes lunch, is \$35 for students; \$45 at the door for registered professionals.

Checks should be made payable to: Kirtland Community College - c/o Health Occupations, 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653.

Registration may be made at the door as space allows, however registrants should call (517) 275-5121

Ext. 281, by March 19 for seat availability and meal reservations.

KCC Seminar Planning Committee Chair, Wendy Hillman MSN, RN, says that a certificate of completion (7.2 contact hours) will be awarded at the end of the program; however, no partial continuing education credit will be awarded. Each participant must attend the entire seminar program including the question and answer session and the evaluation period.

Kirtland offers auto class

The Kirtland Community College (KCC) Automotive Department, in conjunction with the Michigan Bureau of Automotive Regulation, will offer a 16-hour Engine Tune Up and Performance re-certification class.

Michigan state-certified automotive technicians are now required to re-certify in three areas of repair every five years under recent changes to the Michigan Automobile repair act.

The areas of repair are Engine Tune Up and Performance, Electrical Systems and Braking Systems.

Technicians may choose one of three ways of compliance:

1. Take a test administered by the Secretary of State to demonstrate currency.

2. Be nationally certified by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (they also re-

certify in all eight areas every five years).

3. Attend an approved training course to upgrade skills and knowledge.

The Kirtland class will meet on four nights: Tuesday, March 16; Thursday, March 18; Tuesday, March 23; and Thursday, March 25 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The course fee is \$132.95 for in-district students and \$151.50 for out-of-district students.

Technicians may register and make payment as late as the first night of class.

The class will be taught by Bob Shingledecker, KCC Automotive faculty.

For more information about registration or future class offerings, please contact Shingledecker at (517) 275-5121, ext. 241 or via e-mail at:

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Marquette is still offering only the paper-and-pencil method, but they now offer the exam monthly, rather than bi-monthly.

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The cost is \$125 including all study materials.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 1-800-852-3168.

Unemployment Insurance Seminar

The Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, The Michigan Employers' Council and The Unemployment Agency are presenting a seminar on Unemployment Insurance.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 17 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Treetops/Sylvan Resort Convention Center.

Topics covered include: Unemployment Insurance Basics,

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These topics will be presented by Mary Pat Leonard, Claims Examiner, UA Office; Carol Fletcher, Director of UA Tax Office and Mike Dankert, Chief Wage & Hour Division, Consumer & Industry Services.

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Camp honored by U.S. Chamber

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation, presented Rep. Dave Camp with its 1999 "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for his strong support for pro-business policies and legislation in the 105th Congress.

"Rep. Camp has consistently voted to support American business, the engine of our remarkable economic prosperity," said Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO of the Chamber. "Talk is cheap, but in 1998, Rep. Camp compiled an excellent pro-business voting record and demonstrated that jobs and economic growth are top priorities."

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of Enterprise" based on rankings it gives members of Congress in its annual publication, *How They Voted*.

Votes included in the rankings must be recorded floor votes on issues which the Chamber's Board of Directors has established policy and the Chamber's position has been communicated to members of Congress prior to the vote.

For the second session of the 105th Congress, the Chamber designated 18 Senate votes and 18 House votes as "key votes." Lawmakers who support the Chamber position on at least 70 percent of these key votes received the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award.

Key votes for 1998 included issues such as cutting taxes, trade, reducing excessive regulations, and legal reform.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

MDOT March conference plans to help contractors

With Michigan's largest ever road and bridge improvement program revving up for a spring start, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will help contractors and consultants fuel their businesses to share in the record level of work through a March 29-31 conference in Lansing.

Sponsored by the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEO), the annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Business Development Conference will help any firm looking to do business with MDOT, particularly minority or women-owned DBEs.

"The opportunities to do business with MDOT have never been better," said State Transportation Director James DeSana. "This three-day conference is an excellent opportunity for current and prospective contractors to fill up on high

octane information for high-powered success."

MDOT is planning \$1.2 billion in improvements this year to 1,625 miles of road and 310 bridges statewide.

DBE's will compete for over \$100 million in federally funded road and bridge contracts, as well as, other contract opportunities in aeronautics and public transit.

The three-day conference at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel will include sessions on small business strategic planning, employment issues, technical assistance, finances, technology for improving the bottom line, risk management and other information to help contractors succeed.

The conference is open to anyone interested in doing business with MDOT. For registration information call the Office of Equal Opportunity at (517) 373-2065.

Tree seedlings offered by GLEC

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative has teamed up with 23 county Conservation Districts throughout Michigan to distribute the Districts' spring 1999 tree seedling order forms to more than 100,000 Michigan homeowners.

The customer-owned energy company is inserting the latest tree order form in the March/April issue of *Country Lines*, the magazine for the cooperative's 110,000 electric customers. The next issue is scheduled to be mailed around March 10, and it will also include tree planting tips and information on Great Lakes Energy's right-of-way clearing program.

Last year, many Conservation

Districts said they had a significant increase in tree and shrub sales because of the special insert. Some Districts said they experienced record sales.

"As a rural utility, we know that many of our customers enjoy the aesthetic and environmental benefits that trees can provide," said Pat Anzell, vice president of marketing. "We view this as a growing partnership with the Conservation Districts where we can strengthen our relationship with our customers and do something positive for the environment."

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Skip's Sport Shop under new ownership

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Skip's Sport Shop on M-72 West is now under new ownership, following the retirement of founder and previous owner Skip Madsen. Madsen's son-in-law, Jack Millikin, purchased the shop a couple months ago, and officially took over on January 1.

Millikin said he has worked at Skip's for about 17 years, and it took him a while before deciding to buy the business.

"He had it up for sale for the past couple years. I thought about it for a while, and I didn't know if I wanted to do it," said Millikin. "It's a seven day a week job, really."

He said "it just kind of came together" late last year and he decided to make the move.

Millikin said things in the shop won't be much different than they were while Madsen was running the place.

He does hope to expand, but not right away.

"Hopefully we'll be able to expand sometime in the near future," said Millikin, "but it's not going to happen right away. I'd like to get a year or two under my belt first, and get straightened away financially."

He said the expansion wouldn't necessarily bring anything new to the shop, but would help by increasing store size and creating more space for inventory.

"It would make more room for what we have, and more room for stock," he said.

According to Millikin, Madsen had the original sport shop building constructed about 35 years ago.



Photos by Caleb Casey

INSIDE THE SHOP -- Jack Millikin, new owner of Skip's Sport Shop, performs maintenance on a rifle. Millikin worked in the shop for 17 years before purchasing the establishment from store founder and owner Skip Madsen, who recently retired from the business after 35 years.

"He had the land and built the building, and added on to it over the years," Millikin said. "He kept adding on, and eventually built it up to what it is today."

"He started out selling bait and tackle, and then got into guns and hunting gear," said Millikin. "It's pretty much been all outdoor stuff, no athletics. Just hunting and fishing."

Millikin said he is enjoying running the shop so far, but there are disadvantages.

"It's a line of work that's fun to be in, but there are downsides," he said.

Specifically, Millikin said that the shop's busy times are the same times he would like to be out hunting or fishing.

Other than that, "It's enjoyable most of the time," he said.



SKIP'S -- New owner Jack Millikin said that things will be 'business as usual' at Skip's Sport Shop following the retirement of previous owner Skip Madsen. The shop is located on M-72 West by Cartwright and Danewell.

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FREDERIC TOWNSHIP		
TOWN 28 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST		
99D58M44S E 1/4 SEC 14 LN 100 TH S 00305M 658.0 FT TO POB S89D57M12S W 1/4 POB 1.5 AC.	1996	143.98
00-0031-027-014-015-00	1996	143.98
THE 1/2 OF 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF THE NW 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC. 27 T28N R4W S 5 AC MA	1996	210.94
00-0031-027-016-120-00	1996	210.94
PARCEL 6 BEING A PART OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SEC. 27, T28N, R4W, COMM AT THE SE COR OF SAID SEC. 27, ALN TO MIN 15 SEC. W ALG THE SEC. LINE, 130.5 FT. TO THE POB. TH N 89 DEG 52 MIN 15 SEC. W ALG THE SEC. LINE, 330.5 FT. TH N 1 DEG 00 MIN 05 SEC. W, 1319.65 FT. TH N 89 DEG 57 MIN 15 SEC. E ALG THE 1/8 LINE, 330.5 FT. TH S 1 DEG 00 MIN 10 SEC. E, 320.65 FT. TO THE POB. 10.02 AC.	1996	877.93
00-0031-028-001-100-10	1996	233.39
PARCEL 10-PART OF NE1/4 SEC 28 T28N R4W COMM AT W4 COR TH N 89D20M15 S 200 FT ALN TO POINT OF INTERSECTION OF 300 FT RADIUS CURVE IN C/LIN OF CAMERON BR RD TH S 0130M01S 782.78 FT ALG TANGENT OF SD CURVE & SD CLIN TO POB TH S 0130M01S 015 FT ALG SD 24.7N TH S 80D29M25W 663.52 FT ALG SD TO POB SEC 28 S89D24M 59S E 92.605 FT TO POB SEC 28 T28N R4W	1996	233.39
00-0031-028-006-020-00	1996	150.39
PARCEL D-1, W/2 OF W/2 OF N/2 OF NW/4 OF SEC 28 T28N R4W 2.5 AC MA	1996	150.39
00-0031-028-006-028-00	1996	150.39
PARCEL C-1, THE N/2 OF W/2 OF S/2 OF S/2 OF NW1/4 SEC 28 T28N R4W 2 AC	1996	150.39
00-0031-034-001-130-00	1996	271.34
PARCEL 10 RDS N OF SE COR OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 SEC 34 T28N R4W TH N 60 FT, W 200 FT, S 60 FT, E 200 FT TO POB.	1996	271.34
00-0031-035-003-030-00	1996	3.663.66
COMM AT A PT 316FT N & 66FT E OF CENTER OF SEC 35 T28N R4W RUN- NING TH N 84FT TH N 267FT TH W 84FT THS 267FT TO POB AND ALSO A LOT COMM AT PT N 84 FT ALN TO A CHS & 90 LKS N OF CENTER OF SEC 35 T28N R4W TH S 96FT TH N 96FT AND TH N 50FT TH S 96FT TO POB AND ALSO A PARCEL OF LAND BEING 16 FT IN WIDTH MLES 96FT IN LENGTH RUNNING NW CORNELL & ALN TO THE EAW BOUNDARY LNS OF PROP HERETOFORE DESC.	1996	3,663.66
00-0031-035-003-045-00	1996	48.27
PARC A-PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SEC 35 T28NR4W COM AT THE CENTER OF SEC 35 TH N 89D36M E ALG THE EAW 1/4 LN 167.08FT TH N N 0050M E 318FT TO POB TH N 0050M E 267FT TH N 89D36M E 100FT TO THE WRLYRW OF P.C.RR. TH S 4 05D50M W ALG SD R4W 267FT TH S 89D36M 100FT TO POB .61AC.	1996	48.27
00-0031-035-008-060-00	1996	521.27
COMM. AT A PT. 33 FT. N. & 870 FT. W OF THE CENTEROFF SEC. 35 TH N. 220 FT. TH E. 250 FT TH S. 220 FTTH W. 250 FT TO POB. SEC. 35, T28N, R4W	1996	521.27
00-0031-035-009-060-00	1996	495.32
COMM AT SW COR OF BROWN & JOHNSON ADDITION TO VILLAGE OF FREDERIC TH N 89D20M23S E 155.37 FT FORPOB TH N 89D20M23S E 141.37 FT TO POB AND ALSO THE FT TH S 73 47D19M30S W 78.62 FT TH S 50036M38S W 58.32 FT TH S 89D19M 50S W 73.06 FT TH N 01D07M15S 67.55 FT TH N 89D 20M39S E 31.50 FT TH N 07D58M15S W 121.31 FT TO POB PART OF SW1/4 SEC 35 T28N R4W	1996	195.02
00-0031-035-012-022-00	1996	201.45
PARCEL A-PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SEC 35 T28N R4W COMM AT THE S1/4 COR OF SD SEC TH N 1D04M15S E ALG N S 1/4 LINE 567.877 FT TH S89D32M46S W 1173.95 FT TO POB TH CONT S 89D32M46S W 134.60 FT TO THE W 1/8 LINE TH N 2D10M38S E ALG THE W 1/8 LINE 657.43 FT TH TO THE S 1/8 LINE TH N 89D 32M46S E ALG THE S 1/8 LINE 492.60 FT TH S 28D 47M30S W 312.28 FT TH S 38D54M W 315.60 FT TH S13D45M W 145.05 FT TO POB 6.450A	1996	201.45
00-0031-035-014-080-00	1996	443.99
COMM. A-PT. 330 FT. N OF SE COR OF SEC. 35, S E 66 FT FOR P.O.B. E. 241 FT N 100 FT W 241 FT S 100FT TO POB PART OF NW 1/4 FT SE 1/4 LYING W OF MCCRSECC 35 T28N R4W	1996	443.99
00-0031-014-110-00	1996	641.86
COMM 66 FT E OF SE COR OF LOT 6 BLK 3 B & J ADD. TH E 230 FT. TO W LY R.O.W. OF MCCRR TH S 200 FT THW 230 FT TO E LY LINE OF JOHNS- ON S AVE. 200 FT. TOPOB NW1/4 OF SE1/4 SEC 35 T28N R4W	1996	641.86
00-0031-035-014-130-00	1996	890.74
PARCEL C-PART OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SEC 35 T28N R4W COMM AT THE W 1/4 COR OF SAID SEC. 35 TH N 89 DEG 36ME ALG. THE E & W 1/4 LINE 2541.0 FT., TH N 89 DEG 50M E ALG THE E & W 1/4 LINE 28.57 FT., THIS 1 DEG 00M 23.5 FT., TO P.O.B. TH N 89 DEG 56ME 241.6 FT., TH S 0 DEG 50M 10.0 FT., TH S 89 DEG 56M 242.0 FT., TH N 1 DEG 04ME 10.0 FT. TO THE P.O.B. CONT. .56 AC.	1996	1,562.82
FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PLATS		
00-032-011-000-003-00	1996	61.84
LOT 3 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	61.84
00-032-011-000-004-00	1996	28.42
LOT 10 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	28.42
00-032-011-000-013-00	1996	99.31
LOT 13 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	99.31
00-032-011-000-016-00	1996	99.31
LOT 16 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	99.31
00-032-011-000-017-00	1996	99.31
LOT 17 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	99.31
00-032-011-000-020-00	1996	89.074
LOT 20 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #1	1996	89.074
00-032-011-000-022-00	1996	8

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182	20-032-102-000-148-00	1996	112.06	236	20-040-003-005-050-00	1996	1,707.05	268	20-040-010-015-037-00	1996	607.86	298	20-040-010-013-034-00	1996	1,033.19	329	20-040-011-014-020-00	1996	1,033.19	351	20-040-033-003-12-015-00	1996	197.61	387	20-040-45-283-00-135-00	1996	531.28				
LOT 148 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #2				COMM 670 FT. EAST OF NW COR OF THE NW1/4 OF THE FR S L NW1/4 OF SEC 3 T26N R2W. TH N 89 DEG 55M W 268.52 FT. TH N 1 DEG 04M E 131.52 FT. TH N 89 DEG 48M S E 330.07 FT. TO POB, BEING PART OF THE E/2 OF SEC 15 1/2 AC.				PARCEL 37, AUSALE KEN-MAR ESTATES L-120P-166 COMM. SW COR. SEC. 10, T26N, R2W, TH N 89 DEG 37M E 405.5 FT. ALONG SEC 10E 1311.12 FT. TH N 0 DEG 45M E ALONG 1/8 LINE 1320.0 FT. TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E ALONG 1/8 LINE 612.95 FT. TO POB. TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E 630.0 FT. TH S 0 DEG 35M 30S W 808.5 FT. TH S 63 DEG 11M W 712.85 FT. TH N 89 DEG 49M W 200.0 FT. TH N 0 DEG 45M E 830.9 FT. TO POB. 14.1 A.				PARCEL 46, AUSALE KEN-MAR ESTATES L-120P-166 COMM. SW COR. SEC. 10, T26N, R2W, TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E ALONG 1/8 LINE 612.95 FT. TO POB. TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E 630.0 FT. TH S 0 DEG 35M 30S W 808.5 FT. TH S 63 DEG 11M W 712.85 FT. TH N 89 DEG 49M W 200.0 FT. TH N 0 DEG 45M E 830.9 FT. TO POB. 14.1 A.				PARCEL 46, AUSALE KEN-MAR ESTATES L-120P-166 COMM. SW COR. SEC. 10, T26N, R2W, TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E ALONG 1/8 LINE 612.95 FT. TO POB. TH N 89 DEG 37M 40S E 630.0 FT. TH S 0 DEG 35M 30S W 808.5 FT. TH S 63 DEG 11M W 712.85 FT. TH N 89 DEG 49M W 200.0 FT. TH N 0 DEG 45M E 830.9 FT. TO POB. 14.1 A.				COMM AT S/4 OF SEC 23 T26NR3W TH N 0 DEG 32 MIN E ON THE N/S LINE 1977.92 TO CENTER LINE OF TRAIL ROAD TH N 52 DEG 36 MIN E ALONG THE TRAIL ROAD CENTER LINE 29.9 FT TO POB TH CONT N 52 DEG 36 MIN E 28.4 FT. TH N 43 DEG 40 MIN E 73.2 FT TH N 89 DEG 31 MIN 19 SEC E 573.2 FT TH S ON E 118 LINE 655.45 FT TH WLY 1243.3 FT TO POB CONTAINING 14.13 ACRES M/L AKA PARCELS GH 1 & J AKA PARCELS GH 1 & A				THE SW1/4 OF SEC 33, T27N, R2W CONT 10 AC				LOTS 131 & 132 GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES NO. 4			
LOT 150 OF UPP NORTHE SUB #2				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A				COMM AT NW COR OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TH S 132 FT. S 330 FT. W 132 FT. N 330 FT. TO P.O.B. SEC 3 T26NR2W 1/4 A							
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MEETING DATE
CHANGE ROAD COMMISSION
FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

Due to conflict with meeting schedules, The Road Commission for Crawford County has changed their regular meeting date from March 18, 1999 to March 19, 1999. The meeting shall commence at 10:00 a.m. at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County has changed their regular meeting from March 18, 1999 to March 19, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Bids shall be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items:

ONE (1) PICKUP BODY TRUCKS
6100#GVWR MINIMUM

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "1999 Pickup Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioner
Raymond Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Bill Gannon, Commissioner

-11-18

FORECLOSURE
NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made

by DAVID L. BENDIG and KATHRYN E. BENDIG, his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994, in Liber 383, on Page 362, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Norwest Mortgage Inc., a California Corporation as assignee, by and assignment dated April 23, 1996, which was recorded on July 2, 1996 in Liber 413, on

page 633, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty nine thousand seven hundred forty-seven and 34/100 Dollars (\$59,747.34), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 40, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 1999

For information, please call:

(248) 642-4202

TROTT & TROTT, P.C.

Attorney for Norwest Mortgage, Inc.

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 990201628

-4-11-18-25

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Beginning March 15, 1999. The fees for male or female dogs will change from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from \$6.00 to \$12.00.

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

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BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING of the electors of the TOWNSHIP OF BEAR LAKE will be held at the Community Center, M-72 and E. Bear Lake Road on SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1999 at 9 a.m.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Township Board will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting to adopt the 99-2000 Budgets General Appropriations Act and approve March 1999 bills.

Carol Rosenberg, Township Clerk
616-258-4871

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FORECLOSURE
NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GRACE L. WALKER, a single person to United State of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture now known as USDA, Rural Development Mortgage, dated September 16, 1994, and recorded on September 16, 1994, in Liber 383, on page 567, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty five thousand nine hundred twenty five and 01/100 Dollars (\$65,925.01), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 13, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Attorney for Mortgagee

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

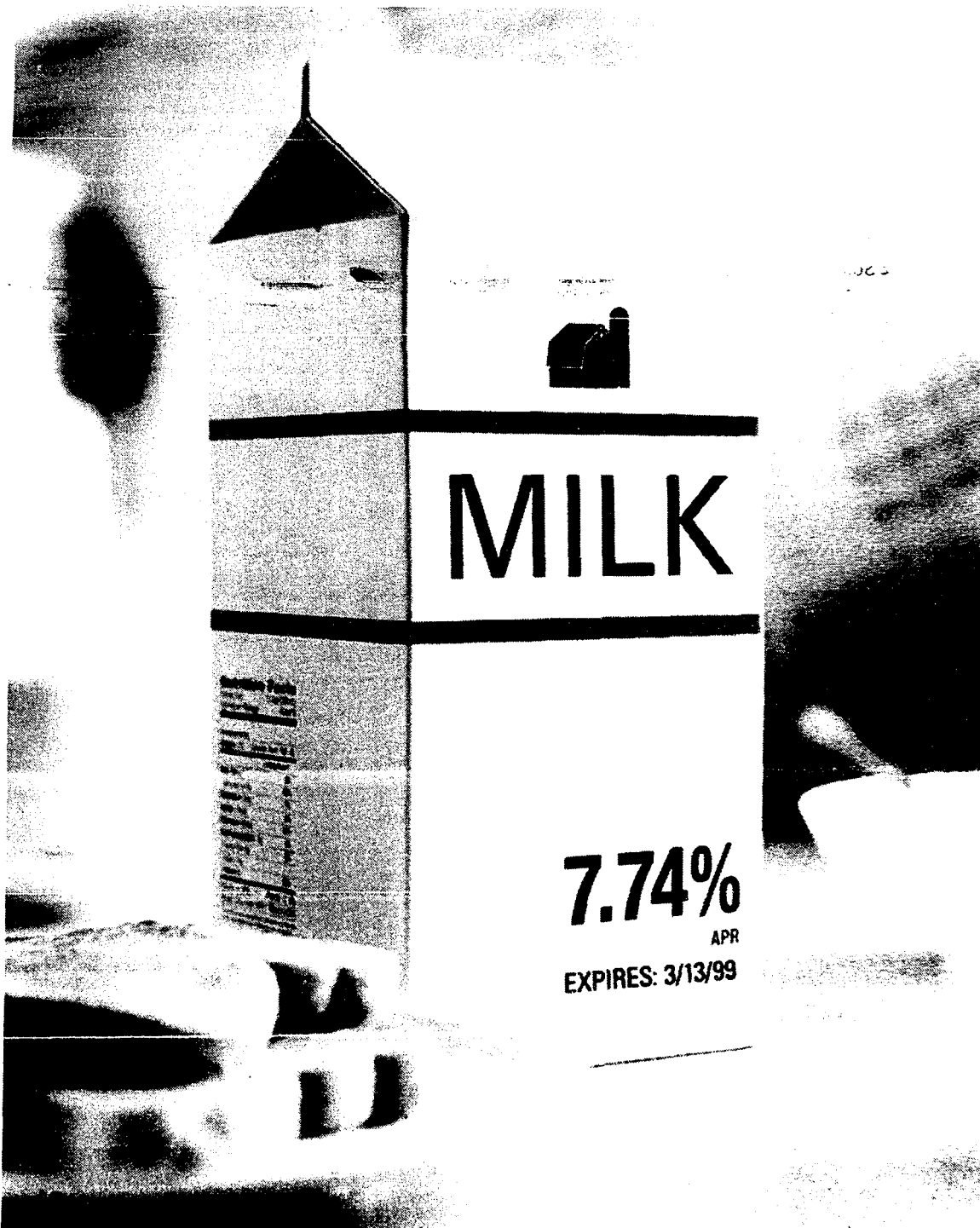
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mortgagee

-4-11-18-25-1

OLD KENT



7.74%
APR
EXPIRES: 3/13/99

For one week only, get a low rate on a home equity loan.
Or be left with a sour taste in your mouth.

The Home
Equity Loan Event
Mar. 7
thru
Mar. 13
7.74%
APR

At Old Kent, during our Home Equity Loan Event, we're making it easier to get a home equity loan. Just call 517-732-0232 or visit our branch. You'll get fast approval, and we'll give you 90 days until your first payment. Hurry, this special rate expires on March 13th.

123 W. Main, Gaylord
517.732.0232



*To qualify for this rate, you must apply for a new loan by March 13, 1999. You must have payments automatically deducted from a Preference or Online checking account and borrow a minimum of \$25,000 (maximum 85% loan-to-value). Your loan will be payable in 180 monthly payments that will begin 90 days after your loan date. For example, if you borrowed \$25,000 on March 1, 1999, you would not have to make any payments until May 29, 1999. Beginning on that date, you would make 180 monthly payments of \$238.19 each. Flood certification and recording fee is \$25 (\$37 in Illinois). Property used to secure this loan must be a primary residence. Property insurance is required.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD

File # 98-378-GC

C.F. Fick & Sons, Inc., Plaintiff v Douglas

Hoppe, Defendant

Order to Answer

TO: Douglas Hoppe

1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford County.

2. It is ordered that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within twenty-eight (28) days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County, Michigan, the county in which certain real estate in this action is located.

Honorable John G. Hunter

Circuit Court Judge

Dated: February 19, 1999

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

Attorney for Plaintiff

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop,

P.O. Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

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OBITUARIES

Erma Burtch

Erma Burtch, 88, of Grayling, died on March 8, 1999, at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mrs. Burtch was born December 25, 1910, in Au Gres to Charles S. and Minnie (Leitch) Palmer. She moved to Grayling in 1940 from Bay City. She and her husband, Marion Burtch were caretakers at Camp Ginger Quill and later on at Rainbow Club, both resorts on the AuSable River. Mrs. Burtch was later employed at Bear Archery and also at the Ben Franklin store. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 83, Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion, in 1966; brothers Charles, Carl, Dewey and Fred Palmer; sisters Betty Kingsley and Ruth Harger; and by her parents Charles and Minnie (Leitch) Palmer.

Survivors include: son, James Burtch of Grayling; daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Willets of Monroe, Michigan; six grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

An Order of Eastern Star Chapter 83 Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel with the Reverend Robert Henley officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in the spring.

The family suggest memorial donations be directed to the van fund at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

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I've cried many times over the year and I know there are more to come. I hold dear all the precious memories, poems, pictures and dreams deep within my heart.

And every now and then I look to the sky to see your star shining so brightly twinkling down on me letting me know you're happy and that you're there watching over me as you promised days before you died. I love you mom (and dad) and miss you both very much.

I pray that God will keep you in his loving care until we all meet again someday.

Until then I will always miss and love you both and always be your little girl.

Jan (Henderson) Hart

Rose M. Boehringer

Rose M. Boehringer, 84, of Grayling and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Friday, February 19, 1999, at the Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Mrs. Boehringer was born on November 29, 1914, in Toledo to Charles and Helen (Smarzynska) Pietrykowski. A homemaker, Rose enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cooking and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward G. Boehringer.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Shirley A. (Bert) Medley of Grayling; grandchild, Robert G. Medley of Zieglerville, PA.; Ronald B. Medley of Farmington Hills and Mrs. Regina A. (Matthew) Howell of New Baltimore, MI; great-grandson, Patrick R. Medley of Pennsylvania and sister, Mrs. Florence Hess of Oregon, Ohio.

Funeral services were held February 22, 1999 at the Neville Funeral Homes in Toledo, Ohio.

The family suggest memorial donations be directed to the American Heart Association.

Hardy and Baker wed



Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Baker

Patricia Lynn Hardy and Charles Mitchell Baker were married February 25, 1999 at 11 a.m. with just a small ceremony.

Andrew Barber served as Best Man and Donna Marshall was the

bride's Maid of Honor.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds spent a three-day honeymoon in the Upper Peninsula and are now residing in their new home in Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: No one can be mean and happy at the same time, any more than an orange can be both sour and sweet!

Your week ahead: 10th - Birthday luncheon at 12:30 p.m., at 5:30 p.m. the RSVP White Elephant Auction; 11th - BP's taken from 11 a.m. until noon, at 1 p.m. a craft class with Louise making paper baskets, at 5 p.m. a St. Patrick's dinner and dance following; 12th - at 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo; 14th - RSVP brunch with French toast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 15th - at 5:30 p.m. Hangman; 16th - "R & R"; 17th - Tax Lady by appointment and COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.; 18th - Casino trip at 9:30 a.m., craft class with Eva making hoop pictures, Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m. and legal help at 1:30 p.m.; 21st - Pancake brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please take note that we will have a speaker on Tuesday, March 23rd at 12:15 p.m. on the new Medicare changes.

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17 - Spaghetti & Meatsauce/Pot Roast
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Thought to leave you with: The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity!

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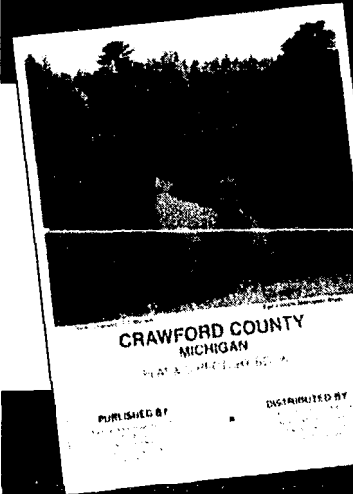
To all the people who were responsible for the great surprise (75th) birthday party.

A special thanks to Jill and Brian and Joann and Neal who planned the party and prepared the delicious food.

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Old coach Tony

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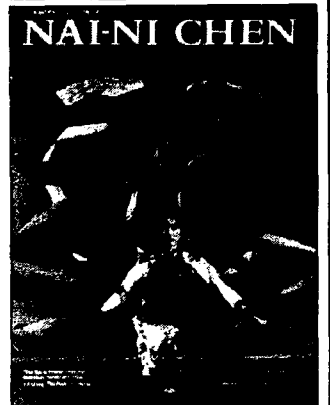
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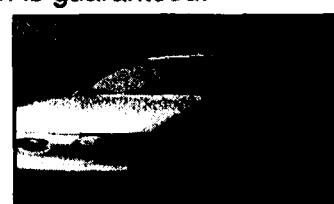
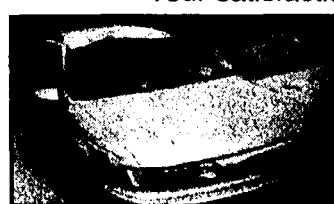
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Wildlife fund could get \$1 million from new plates

A new license plate proposed by State Senator George McManus could have Michigan motorists driving for the environment.

McManus has introduced two measures, Senate Bills 179 and 180, to establish a special "wildlife" license plate for Michigan. Proceeds will go to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund which provides critical assistance to many of Michigan's threatened, endangered and nongame wildlife.

"This new license plate would provide funds for a program that touches folks in all 83 Michigan counties," McManus said.

"The Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund is essential to protecting and enhancing Michigan's wildlife heritage."

The plates would cost \$25 initially and \$10 per year for renewal. McManus said DNR officials have informed him the new license plate could generate as much as \$1 million annually.

Similar legislation passed the House of Representatives in 1996, but stalled in the Senate.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from March 1 through 8:

One fire; one car fire; one burglary; three larceny; one fraud; one property damage; one family/child; four public peace; one hit and run accident; eight health and safety (five of which were animal control); three miscellaneous crimes; four minors; 12 accidents; two traffic safety; three snowmobile; two structure fires; seven accident; one vehicle inspection; one civil/family trouble; three suspicious situations; two suicide attempts; eight general non-criminal.

A total of 70 complaints were handled by the Sheriff's department during the one-week period.



WILDLIFE PLATES - This is just one example designed by Michigan DNR staff for the proposed wildlife fund license plates. More designs will be sought if Sen. McManus' bill passes.

McManus is confident his Senate colleagues will now support the idea of a special wildlife license plate particularly after two specialty plates have since become available in Michigan and numerous other states have similar wildlife plate programs.

"We already have a special plate celebrating Michigan's automotive heritage, why not one celebrating our natural heritage?" McManus asked.

"States like California, Florida, New York, Indiana, Louisiana and

even New Jersey have similar plates already. Michigan citizens should have the same opportunity."

McManus notes that in recent years the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund has helped:

- Reintroduce peregrine falcons and trumpeter swans.
- Print and distribute more than two million educational posters.
- Complete a state-wide breeding bird census.
- Protect a major bat hibernation site.

• Construct numerous boardwalks and observation platforms.

In addition, the nongame fund has distributed small grants to universities, organizations, and individuals for specific nongame projects. Grants have funded construction of school site learning centers and banding of eagles.

They also have supported important research on species including saw-whet owls, karnar blue butterflies, massasauga rattlesnakes and pine martens.

New plates would fund road kill clean-up

by Bree J. Fowler
Capital News Service

Lansing - A central Michigan lawmaker's proposal to create a new license plate for motorists also could help make the roads safer for all drivers.

Rep. Larry DeVuyst, R-Ithaca, sponsored a bill to allow the secretary of state to issue a special license plate depicting a white-tailed deer, Michigan's official state mammal.

The money generated by fees from the plates would fund a program to pick up the carcasses of dead animals along state highways.

Although DeVuyst said animal carcasses of all kinds have been a problem for motorists, he expects the problem with deer to be the most significant one with spring approaching. "We'll probably just focus on deer right now," DeVuyst said. "My major goal is to get deer off the road with the increasing travel, especially up north, coming up."

According to the most recent statistics from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the number of car and deer crashes, and as a result the number of carcasses, dropped in 1997. The number of crashes dropped from 68,222 in 1996 to 65,423 in 1997, the first decrease since 1990.

The bill was sent to the House

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee and likely will be acted on after a companion measure is introduced that specifies which areas of the state would receive the money.

DeVuyst introduced similar legislation last year, but it was never assigned to a committee. But, he thinks there is sufficient bipartisan support this year to get the bill signed into law this year.

Secretary of State Candice Miller doesn't oppose new plates, but wants one with an environmental-theme plate to fund a cleanup of Michigan water, said Julie Pierce, communications analyst for the secretary of state.

"There needs to be a more judicious process involved," Pierce said.

Pierce said another important issue to take into account is how different kinds of license plates can confuse police officers.

"We are very sensitive in dealing with the concerns of law enforcement," she said. "With any plate that's proposed we check its feasibility and readability under a variety of conditions, like at night."

The last two plates issued by the secretary of state featured a blue bar at the top with Michigan printed with black to help law enforcement identify the plates easier, Pierce

said. Bill Semion, spokesperson for AAA Michigan, said carcasses may pose a small safety problem and are unsightly. But, the organization's main concern is lowering the number of crashes.

"What we've been trying to do is make people aware and to look for deer," Semion said. "They're in every county and people just don't realize it and look for them."

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 9, 1999 through March 16, 1999.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Artillery firing will be conducted.

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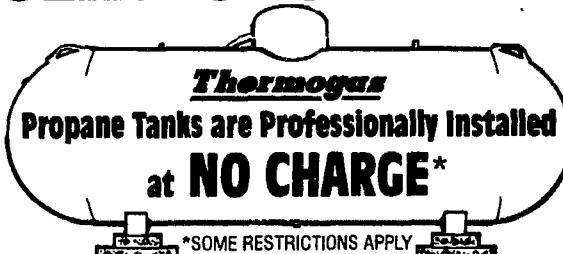
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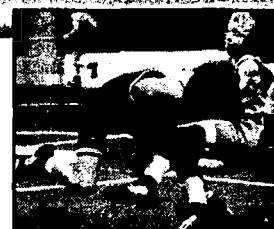
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Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Grayling Volleyball downed by Petoskey in Districts

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team ended its 1998-99 season on Saturday, March 6, by losing to a powerful Petoskey Northmen team in the District Tournament Semi-Final round.

The tourney was held in Kalkaska.

Grayling drew a first round "bye," and Petoskey advanced to the Semi-Finals by defeating Kalkaska in an earlier series.

The matches were best two of three.

Petoskey came out strong in the first match, beating Grayling 15-1. The Northmen displayed consistent setting and spiking, and served well in the game, playing a strong contest overall. Grayling had a few good shots, but the Northmen were able to handle them, and they controlled the flow of the game.

Grayling fared a little better the second match, but lost 9-15.

Petoskey went up 5-0 to start the game, but Grayling scored four points behind the serving of Brandy Ritter to pull within one, 4-5.

The match was close until the Northmen, with the score locked at 6-5 (in Petoskey's favor), went on a five point scoring run to go up 11-5.

Grayling got the serve back, but couldn't muster any offense, and the Northmen then scored three more on their serving chance to put the score at game point, 14-5.

Grayling had a couple more opportunities to serve, and generated a few more points behind the service of Jenny Phillips and Melanie Paxton. The Vikes fought off a couple Northmen attempts to finish the series, but GHS would get no closer than 9-14.

Petoskey then got the serve back and finished the Grayling team's season by winning the game 15-9 and the series 2-0. The Northmen played better up front, and showed more hustle to the ball. They continued to set well to each other, and sent hard shots and spikes into the Grayling zone all series.

Earlier in the day, the Kalkaska Blazers suffered a similar fate, losing to Petoskey 9-15 and 2-15 in the first round.

Both teams played well in the first game. Kalkaska had some suc-

cess fighting off the strong shots by Petoskey, and managed to build up a slight lead, 9-7. The Blazers helped their cause with a couple of aces.

The game then underwent a big momentum change, as the Northmen scored eight straight points to take the game 15-9.

Petoskey maintained its momentum in the next match, dominating the game. The Northmen took the game 15-2 and the series 2-0.

In the other Semi-Final game, Cheboygan and Roscommon squared off in what was the closest series of the afternoon.

Roscommon won the first match 15-8, but the Chiefs of Cheboygan came back with a strong second game, tying the series at 1-1 with a 15-5 win.

The Bucks then took the series (2-1) with a 15-7 victory, earning a place in the District Final game against the Northmen.

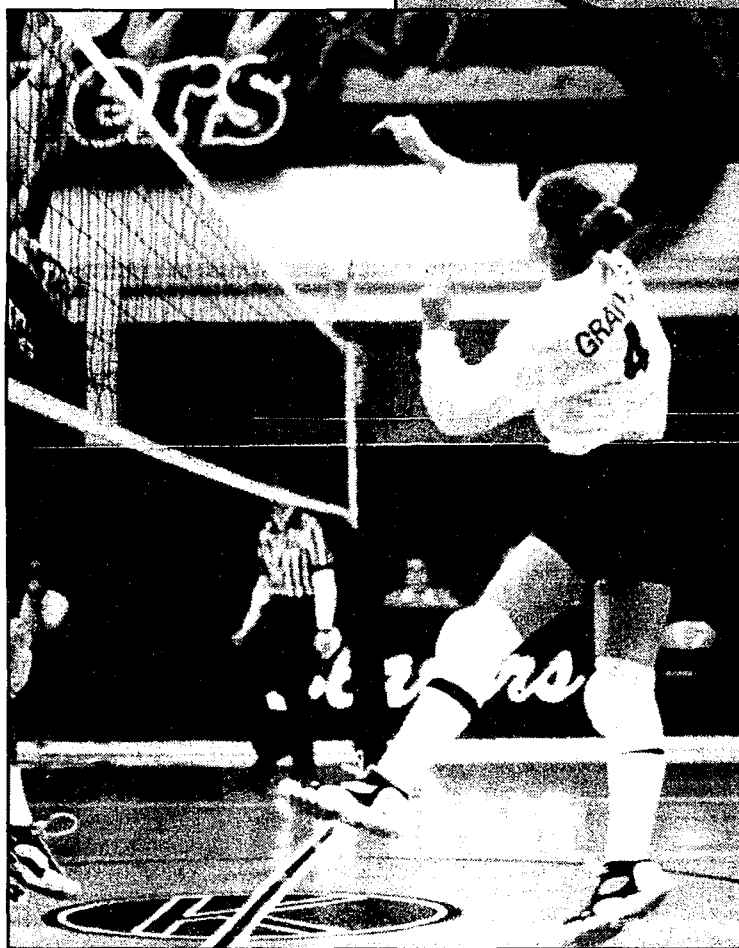
Petoskey continued its dominance in the final game, beating Roscommon 15-8 and 15-5 to sweep the series. The Northmen will now advance to Regionals, which will be held in Pinconning this year.



SET, SPIKE -- Mandy Trudgeon (#1) sets to teammate Lindsey Voelker (#11) in the game against Petoskey.



KEEPING IT ALIVE -- Arica Wolcott handles a Petoskey shot from the back row.



RETURN -- Jenny Phillips sends one back into the Petoskey zone from the front row.



KEEP IT UP -- Melanie Paxton goes low to keep the ball from hitting the floor.



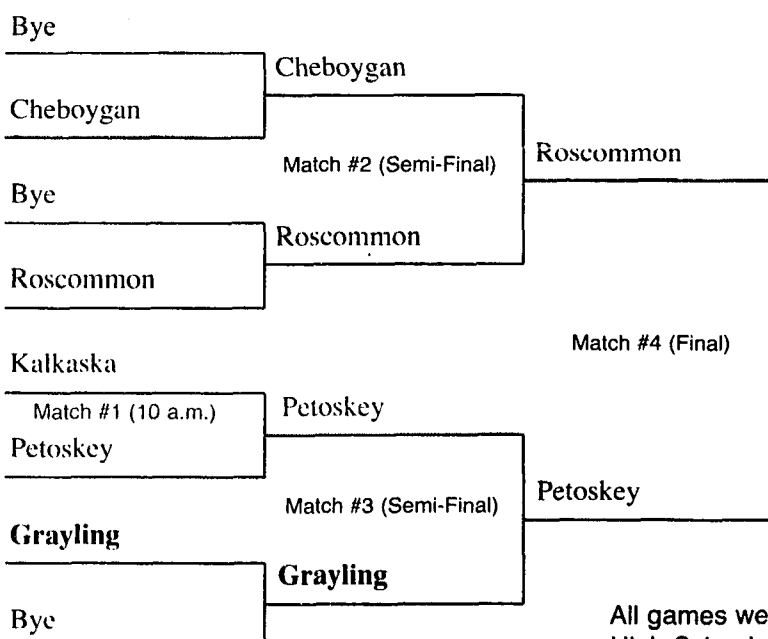
ON THE FRONT LINE -- Lindsey Voelker goes up for a block at the net.



SERVICE -- Brandy Ritter prepares to let one fly.

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All games were played at Kalkaska High School on Saturday, March 6.

Also Inside:



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Varsity Vikings fall to Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Basketball Team wrapped up its regular season on Tuesday, March 11, with a non-conference loss to the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon.

The Vikes lost by 11, 51-62.

Coach Rich Moffit attributed the loss to lack of rebounding and not playing well as a team.

"This was a pride game and we did not play well," said Moffit. "We were beaten on the boards 45-28. We only had 11 assists. Normally, when we play as a team we will have 26 to 30 assists in a

game."

The game was close for the first three periods.

Grayling led for much of the opening quarter, but Roscommon scored a couple triples late in the period to take a slight edge into the second, 20-16.

Grayling was forced to play "catch-up" for most of the second period, as Rosco maintained a slim lead. With 1:07 left in the half, Nate Hinkle hit a long jumper to tie the game at 27-27.

Roscommon hit one of two from the free throw line to go up by a point, and with one second remaining in the half, Dave Hawkins con-

verted one of two on a one and one opportunity to leave the game tied at halftime, 28-28.

The Bucks went on an 11-0 scoring run early in the third quarter to take a 10 point lead. Grayling then battled back, scoring 10 unanswered points to tie the game at 41-41.

Roscommon hit the final bucket of the quarter to take a slight advantage into the fourth, 43-41.

It was anybody's game going into the final quarter.

Rosco started strong, nailing a three pointer to open the period. Nate Beckwith answered with a three-point bucket for Grayling, and the Bucks hit another triple to put the Roscommon lead back to five.

Grayling had problems getting

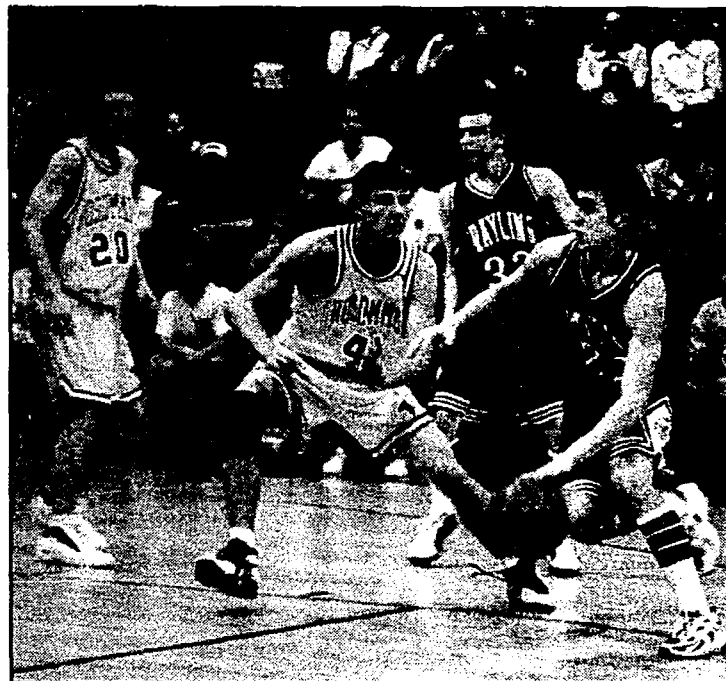
the clutch shots to fall, and when the game came down to free throws Roscommon was able to convert.

The Bucks hit 8 of 13 from the stripe in the fourth quarter, and 18 of 27 in the game. Grayling was 14 of 23 from the line in the contest.

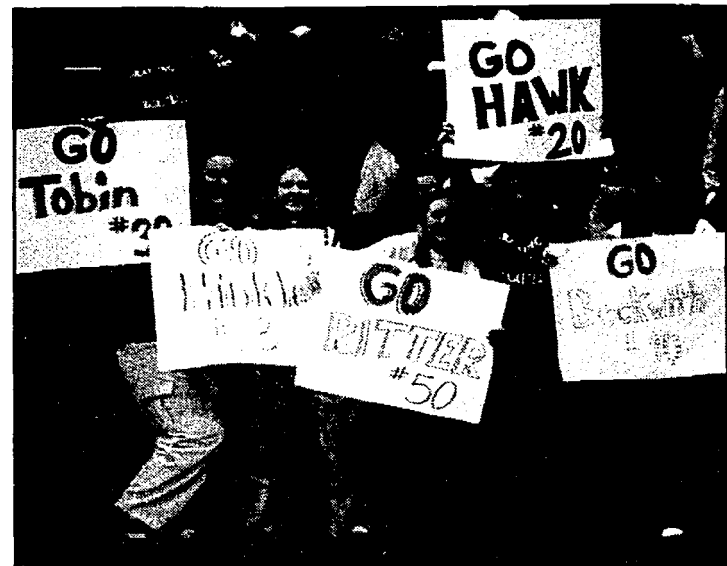
With the Bucks hitting their free throws down the stretch and the Vikings missing their attempts from three-point land, Rosco held on for the victory, 62-51.

Hinkle led the Grayling team in scoring with 20 points.

The Vikings will play in the District Tournament this week, starting with a match versus the Petoskey Northmen on Wednesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. The game will be played at Cheboygan.



DRIVING THE LANE -- Jeremy Millikin drives the lane against Roscommon.



GO VIKES -- Viking fans wave signs at the Roscommon game with some of the Grayling players' names.

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Freshmen Team finishes with 5 straight wins

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking Freshmen Boys Basketball Team finished its '98-99 season with a solid 11-4 overall record after downing Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Standish Sterling, and Bay City John Glenn in three consecutive road trips.

On Monday, February 22, the Vikes beat the Chargers of Saginaw Valley by 16 points, 63-47.

Brandon Gorr led the scoring with 15 points. Ryan Stahl added 12 points.

Stahl and Larry Baynham led the rebounding with six boards each.

"It was a great way to end the season," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "The kids played hard right to the end. (They were) a great group to work with."

The Freshmen team had won its fourth in a row the week before with a six point win over the Standish Sterling Panthers, 54-48.

Gorr led the scoring in that game

with 17 points. Stahl scored 16 and R.J. Schmidt hit for 12 points.

Baynham led the rebounding with six.

"We hit 11 of 14 free throws, including some big ones down the stretch," said Coach VanDrese. "We hit five of six in the fourth quarter to ice it."

"It was a very physical game," he added.

On Monday, February 15, the team beat Bay City John Glenn by six points, 56-50.

"We found out tonight what it's like to play conference games on the road. We overcame quite a few obstacles and held on," said VanDrese.

Gorr was the high scorer with 22 points. Schmidt put in 13 points.

Stahl led the rebounding with eight boards.

These last three wins, coupled with victories over Oscoda at home and Pinconning on the road earlier in February, resulted in a five game winning streak to close

out the season.

The freshmen Vikings were 11-4 on the season, 11-2 in the North East Michigan Conference.

"We had a very successful season," said Coach VanDrese. "I am very proud of these kids."

"I was fortunate enough to have worked with these kids last year at the eighth grade level," continued VanDrese. "Where they are today compared to where they were last year is amazing. Their skill level, competitiveness and maturity has greatly improved."

"I have mixed emotions watching these kids leave and move on to the JV level next year," said VanDrese. "While I am confident that this group is going to accomplish some really big things in the next couple of years, I will really miss these kids. I have really become attached to this group of players. They have done everything that I have ever asked of them."

Gorr, Schmidt and Stahl moved

up to the Junior Varsity squad for the final two games of the year against Gaylord and Roscommon.

Gorr was the leading scorer for the year, averaging 15.7 points per game, including a season high of 36 points in one game. Schmidt averaged 12.7 points per game (season high of 21), and Stahl averaged 10.4 (season high of 18).

As a team the freshmen squad averaged 60 points per game, and surrendered an average of 54.4 points per game.

The team hit a total of 173 out of 287 free throws (60%) on the season.

Individual leaders at the free throw stripe were: Gorr, 53 of 79 (67%); Schmidt, 32 of 50 (64%); Stahl, 22 of 31 (71%); Nick D'Amour, 19 of 35 (54%); and Baynham, 16 of 31 (52%).

"Eleven of our 13 players received academic honors as well," said Coach VanDrese. "They are a credit to young scholar athletes."

Three Viking skiers earn All-State honors

Grayling High School Ski Team members Matt Ginther, Katie Olson and Eric Thompson all received Michigan Ski Coaches Association "All-State Honors" following the State Meet.

It was Olson and Thompson's third trip to the State Finals, as both of them started participation in the Finals as sophomores. (They are both seniors this year.) Sophomore Matt Ginther hopes to keep up the three-peat Grayling participation.

In the team competition, Olson placed 14th in slalom and ended up 47th after falling in giant slalom.

Her 7th place finish at Regionals ahead of many of the top girls from the State championship Glen Lakes team and State runner-up Manistee helped Olson to earn honors.

Thompson placed 10th and 30th in the State Meet, 4th and 5th in Regionals, and was the league's

number one skier in both slalom and giant slalom.

Ginther's charge into the record books started back in the League Meet, as he finished 2nd in slalom and 5th in giant slalom. He also placed well at Regionals, finishing 16th in slalom and 12th in giant

slalom and then took 14th in the State Meet in slalom and 26th in giant slalom in the team competition.

The Vikings will hold their Annual Ski Banquet at Hanson Hills on Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m.



ALL-STATE -- (left to right) GHS skiers Matt Ginther, Eric Thompson and Katie Olson each earned All-State honors this year.

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Junior Varsity Vikings finish season at 16-4

JV Basketball Team beats Bucks

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team capped an impressive '98-99 season on Tuesday, March 2, with a 14 point win over the Roscommon Bucks.

The first time the two teams met this year (in what was Grayling's first match of the season) the Vikings dominated the game and won by 56 points, 74-18.

This time around, Roscommon went up early, after taking advantage of a few Grayling turnovers. The Bucks led 10-5 halfway into the first period.

GHS fought back, and outscored Rosco 12-2 for the rest of the quarter, including four points each by Chris Youngblood and Dave Golski, and two points apiece by Levi Burkett and Brad Gorski.

Both teams played with intensity and scrapped for loose balls.

Grayling led 17-12 after one quarter of play.

The Vikes had a big second quarter, outscoring the Bucks 23-9 in the period. Grayling was able to consistently break through the Roscommon full court pressure, and the Bucks had trouble getting shots to fall down at their offensive end.

Grayling's aggressive defense also resulted in steals and forced turnovers, giving the Vikes more opportunities to score points.

Both teams surpassed the 10 foul mark in the first half, resulting in a lot of trips to the line. Roscommon shot slightly better from the stripe in the first 16 minutes, hitting 9 of 17. Grayling put in 6 of 16.

GHS led by 19 points at halftime, 40-21.

The Bucks started hitting some shots in the third quarter, and even managed to outscore the Vikes 26-20 in the period.

The Roscommon team helped itself with a couple of three pointers and put in six of eight from the free throw line.

Grayling led 60-47 going into the fourth quarter.

Roscommon battled, but Grayling was able to repel the attacks and maintain a steady lead.

The Bucks capitalized on four of four shots from the free line early in the period, as Grayling racked up its ninth and tenth fouls.

Rosco shot well from the stripe in the second half, hitting 18 of 24. Grayling shot 7 of 13 from the line in the final 16 minutes of play.

With about six minutes to go in the game Youngblood made a nice pass while diving out of bounds to Gorski, who put the bank shot in for a quick two. Grayling led by 17 at that point.

On the next play Youngblood went out with an injury, and Golski fouled out just 10 seconds later. With Grayling down two starters, the rest of the team stepped up and kept Roscommon from staging a comeback.

In the middle of the quarter Grayling went on a 10-3 scoring run to go up 23 (81-58) with just 3:10 left in the game.

The Bucks finished strong, outscoring GHS 12-3 for the rest of the game, but the Vikes had played better longer, and won the game by a final score of 84-70.

"I thought our kids played very well," said Coach Butch Hayes. "Roscommon definitely showed some improvement from the first time we played them, but our kids came from behind and held off a couple runs by them."

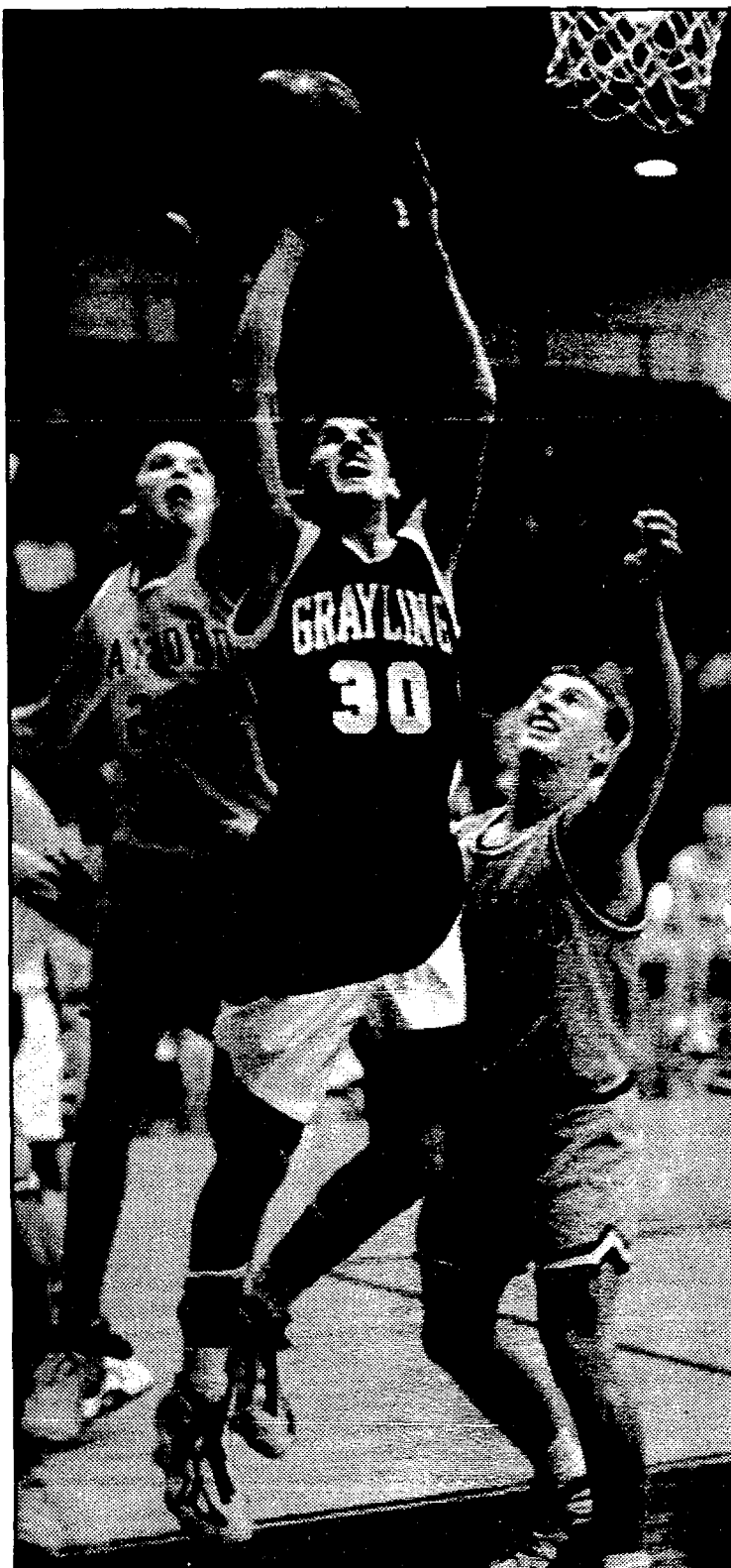
"It was a good way to finish the season," he added.

Burkett was the high scorer with 21 points. Gorski put in 19 points, Bobenmoyer scored 18, and Youngblood, Ryan Mahaffy and Golski each scored six points. Dan Mead put in four points, Justin Manier scored three, and Barry McClanahan hit for one point.

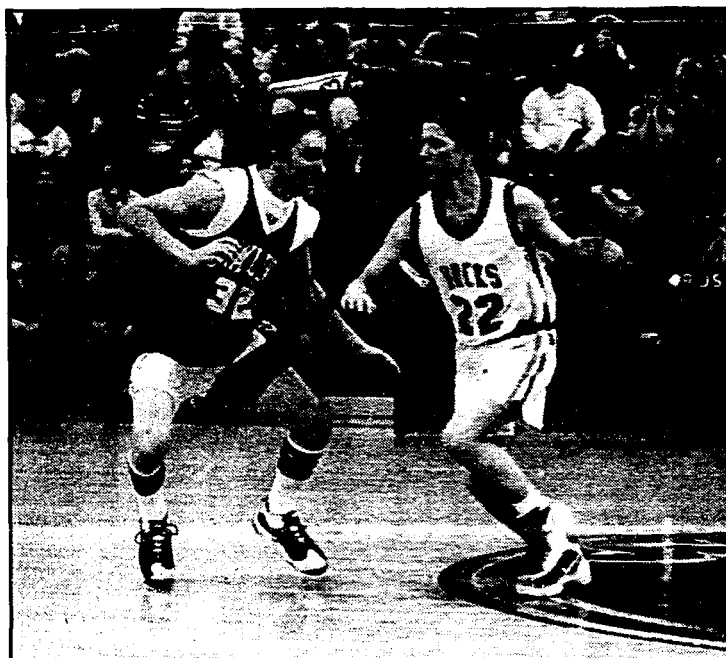
Gorski and Bobenmoyer led the rebounding with seven apiece. Burkett had six rebounds, and Golski grabbed five boards.

The victory over Roscommon put Grayling's season record at 16 wins and 4 losses.

"Our kids were very dedicated," said Coach Hayes. "They showed a lot of class, and played with a lot of effort all year long, including last night (against Roscommon)."



GOING UP STRONG -- Levi Burkett goes up for an inside shot against Gaylord.



DEFENDING -- Brad Gorski plays defense on the Roscommon ball carrier.

GMS Wrestlers host 20-team tournament

On Saturday, March 6, the Grayling Middle School Wrestling Team hosted a tournament that featured 321 wrestlers from 20 different wrestling squads.

Individual winners from Grayling were: Brandon Pratt, 1st; Dusty Partello, 1st; Billy Partello, 1st; Dan Snider, 1st; Daryl Babbitt, 2nd; Adam Malone, 3rd; Mike Gassman, 3rd; Jesse CdeBaca, 3rd; Zak Wegner, 3rd; Sam Crowell, 3rd; Zak VanNuck, 3rd; Ryan Haskin, 4th; Neil Cook, 4th; Dan Connell, 4th; Roy Middleton, 4th; Justin Robinson, 4th.

The coaching staff said that all of the people who volunteered to work at the tourney made the event a big success.

The team will travel to Charlevoix on Saturday, March 13. Wrestling action will begin at 10 a.m.

GHS Power Lifters kick off '99 season

The Grayling High School Power Lifting Team started its '99 season last month with a meet at Farwell.

Grayling took fourth place out of 14 teams, including schools from classes A, B, and C.

Dan Corwin and Josh Quintano both took first place for the Vikings. Tom King, Bob Cooper, Jason Arwood, Mike Arwood, and Dusty Lohrer all finished third.

Matt Kroell, George Cooper, Brett Black and Armand Lawrence also added points for Grayling.

"It was a good meet," said Coach Rodney Patterson. "It was a good learning experience, I'm proud of how hard they worked."

On Saturday, March 6, the team traveled to Traverse City West

High School for its second meet of the year.

"The weights went up 50-75 pounds depending per kid on average," said Coach Patterson. "This was a better competition."

The following Vikings placed at the meet: Dusty Lohrer, 1st; Jason Arwood, 2nd; Josh Quintano, 2nd; Dan Corwin, 2nd; Mike Arwood, 3rd; Tom King, 4th; Bob Cooper, 4th; Armand Lawrence, 5th.

Also adding points for Grayling were Matt Kroell and George Cooper.

"We started doing this to give our football players a reason to lift in the off-season," said Coach Patterson. "It's important to keep them active in the weight room."

The Power Lifting Team's next meet will be in Vassar.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

LAST DAY -- Sunday, March 14, will be our last day of operations at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park. We would like to invite all of our members, employees and families to join us for our year end party and members dinner. We'll have hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill at approximately 5 p.m. and ask everyone, that can, to participate in the pot luck by bringing a dish to pass.

SOCCER -- The Soccer Season begins April 22. All soccer games this season will be held outdoors. Register by April 2, for only \$20. Late registration is \$25. Family rates are available and jerseys can be purchased for \$8. Price includes 6 games, medal and certificate. Games are played Saturdays at Hanson Hills. We make every effort to find scholarships for those who cannot afford to play.

The Soccer steering committee is

meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m. in the Fred Bear Memorial Center at Hanson Hills. Anyone interested in this season's soccer program is invited to participate. Following the steering committee is the rules meeting at 7 p.m. in the Fred Bear Memorial Center. This meeting is for all coaches and referees.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY -- Join us Saturday, March 27 in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. for only \$2 per child and \$3 per adult. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow breakfast at approximately 10:30 a.m. Pictures can be purchased with the Easter Bunny for \$2. Raffle to win kid's basket filled with goodies for \$1 and an adult's goodie basket for \$2. For more information call 348-9266.

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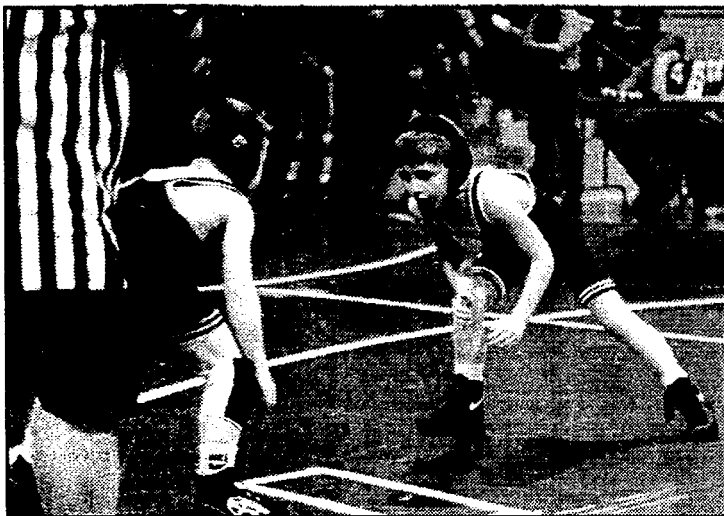
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GRA YOUTH WRESTLING



TAKE DOWN -- Isaac VanNuck takes down his opponent.



HEAD TO HEAD -- GRA wrestler Steve Grove (right) squares off against an opponent.

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) Youth Wrestling Team hosted a tournament on Saturday, March 6.

Twelve out of 25 Grayling wrestlers placed in the top four in their weight division, including: Joey Ferrigan, 1st; Cody Partello,

1st; Joel Wilson, 1st; Tim VanNuck, 1st; Billy Stewart, 1st; Eli VanNuck, 1st; Cody Malone, 2nd; Brendan Crowl, 2nd; Joey Contreras, 3rd; Troy Wilson, 3rd; Isaac VanNuck, 3rd; Daniel CdeBaca, 3rd; Neil Cook, 4th.



FIGHTING FOR CONTROL -- GRA wrestler Eric Madill grapples with an opponent.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

The following are the results of the Grayling Youth Bowling League's Savings Bond Tournament. The top three bowlers in each division earned a savings bond (\$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd):

0-55 Average Group

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Jessie Ramsey | 735 |
| 2. Angi Ramsey | 717 |
| 3. Shanell Adair | 700 |
| 4. Jessica Baker | 669 |
| 5. William Coe | 665 |
| 6. Cody Davis | 655 |
| 7. Michael Wakeley | 650 |
| 8. Jeff Todd | 646 |
| 9. Ashley Marculewicz | 641 |
| 10. Steven Rathbun | 635 |
| 11. Tyesha Root | 608 |

Savings bond winners: J. Ramsey, \$100; A. Ramsey, \$75; S. Adair, \$50.

56-80 Average Group

- | | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Michael Cousins | 742 |
| 2. Tiffany Davis | 688 |
| 3. Matt Root | 677 |
| 4. Cassie King | 664 |
| 5. Dan Hagerman | 644 |
| 6. Jeffrey Baker | 636 |
| 7. Matt Rathbun | 635 |
| 8. Devon Adair | 577 |

Savings bond winners: M. Cousins, \$100; T. Davis, \$75; M. Root, \$50.

81-105 Average Group

- | | |
|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Jack Hagerman | 683 |
| 2. Jenson Dreasky | 658 |
| 3. Jenny King | 648 |
| 4. Brittney Yaniello | 644 |
| 5. Andrea Yaniello | 639 |
| 6. Justin Davis | 620 |
| 7. Angel Adair | 607 |
| 8. Danielle Ginther | 565 |
| 9. Justin Root | 564 |
| 10. Keith Louchart | 563 |

Savings bond winners: J. Hagerman, \$100; J. Dreasky, \$75; J. King, \$50.

106 & up Average Group

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Mike Arwood | 743 |
| 2. Charles Armstrong | 726 |
| 3. Travis LaMotte | 686 |
| 4. Krystel Davis | 653 |
| 5. Tom King | 630 |
| 6. Matt Thomas | 618 |
| 7. Glenn Cousins | 608 |
| 8. D.J. Canfield | 606 |
| 9. Curtis Marculewicz | 605 |
| 10. Phillip Armstrong | 603 |
| 11. Nick McNamar | 593 |
| 12. Rusty Strohpaal | 570 |

Savings bond winners: M. Arwood, \$100; C. Armstrong, \$75; T. LaMotte, \$50.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Standings

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Tadpoles | 114 - 48 |
| Frederic Inn | 89 - 73 |
| Riverside | 89 - 73 |
| Red Barn | 89 - 73 |
| Legion | 84 - 88 |
| Red Barn II | 78 - 84 |
| Frogies | 57 - 105 |
| Plaza | 48 - 114 |
| 8 Ball Run | Kelly and Art of Tadpoles, Scott of Legion, Weasel of Frederic Inn |
| 7 Ball Run | Ken of Tadpoles, |

Weasel of Frederic Inn, Scott of Legion, Roger of Red Barn II
Won All Games: Chuck and Jim of Red Barn

Women's Standings

- | | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Sawmill II | 187 |
| Plaza | 158 |
| Spikes | 157 |
| Frederic Inn | 135 |
| Legion | 135 |
| Sawmill I | 124 |
| 6 Ball Run | Cookie D. |
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American Men

Joel's Team	7 - 0
Gaylord Ford	7 - 0
McLean's Ace	5 - 2
Upper Lakes	4 - 3
Forrest Bros.	3 - 4
Stitches by Sue	2 - 5
Moore's Auto	0 - 7
Fenton's Auto	0 - 7
High Game: J. Arwood, 274; A. Thayer, 256; Devins, 233.	
High Series: T. Devins, 667; A. Thayer, 632; S. Peterson, 597.	

Triangle

C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	26 - 14
Barber Const.	25 - 15
Sumner	22.5 - 17.5
Airway Auto	22 - 18
Moshier Auto	19.5 - 20.5
Johnson	5 - 35
High Game: M. Campbell, 236; T. Everly, 234; G. Miller, 212.	
High Series: T. Everly, 594; M. Campbell, 546; J. Robideau, 545.	

Sunday Night Mixed

McDonald's of Gaylord	27 - 17
R&M Masonry	24.5 - 19.5
McDonald's	23 - 21
Custom Interior	22.5 - 21.5
Waste Management	21 - 23
Wakeley's Auto Parts	21 - 23
Us & Them	19 - 25
Citgo	18 - 26
Men's High Game: D. Steffes, 210;	

J. Dannenberg, 190; B. Nielson, 182.

Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 506; B. Nielson, 484, D. Steffes, 464; T. McDonald, 464.

Women's High Game: N. Glasslee, 196; S. Romain, 187; S. France, 181.

Women's High Series: S. Romain, 529; N. Glasslee, 527, S. France, 485.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlie's Country Corner	24 - 12
Moshier Auto Repair	21.5 - 14.5
Hilltop Manor HCC	20 - 16
Aunt Betty's	19 - 17
R. Calkins & Sons	18 - 18
Just Us	16.5 - 19.5
Fick & Sons	14 - 22
Sawmill	11 - 25
High Game Men: L. Helsel, 233; B. Trudeau, 221; B. Holborn, 205.	
High Series Men: L. Helsel, 581; R. Moshier, 536; R. Schreiber, 520.	
High Game Women: J. Hinds, 211; K. Trudeau, 188; S. Rioux, 181.	
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 548; K. Moshier, 513; S. Rioux, 493.	

Senior Citizen League

Cornell Realty	55 - 41
Flowers By Josie	52 - 44
Totten's Body Shop	48 - 48

Teens 'N' Such 'R' Us

Baynham Forest Proucts	46.5 - 49.5
Sylvester's Sports	46.5 - 49.5
Buccilli's Pizza	45 - 51
Stevens Family Circle	44 - 52
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 214; A. Smith, 214; K. Harris, 199.	
Men's High Series: A. Smith, 565; K. Harris, 563; G. Wolfe, 551.	
Women's High Game: M. Tarr, 188; D. Hall, 186; P. Essiambre, 172.	
Women's High Series: D. Hall, 524; P. Harris, 469; M. Rysso, 462.	

National First

Faustman's Insurance	35 - 14
Century 21	29 - 20
Northern White Tail	28 - 21
Grayling Ford	28 - 21
Gun's & Grub's	21 - 28
Swamp II	20 - 29
Hellebuyck Masonry	19 - 30
Forrest Brothers	16 - 33
High Game: A. Angove, 245; C. Brill, 231; T. Devins, 228.	
High Series: A. Angove, 660; D. Canfield, 612; T. Devins, 600.	

Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service	26 - 14
Fun-N-Sun Rental	25 - 15
Mark 8	25 - 15
Mickey Perez CPA	19 - 21
Glen's Market	19 - 21

Gray Rock Cafe

Scheer Motors	16 - 24
Cornell	14 - 26
High Game: N. Root, 218; D. Lobsinger, 195; C. Mead, 192.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 535; D. Armstrong, 508; N. Root, 505.	

Northwood

R. Calkins & Sons	20.5 - 11.5
Darrell's Roofing	19.5 - 12.5
Rochette's	16 - 16
R & M Masonry	16 - 16
Rich's Cycle Service	15 - 17
Shady Acres Party Store	12 - 20
Milltown Chiropractic	14 - 18
High Game: L. Dannenberg, 213; T. Jones, 199; J. Hinds, 188.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 533; L. Dannenberg, 503; D. Elekonich, 500.	

Pioneer League

Avalanche	22.5 - 9.5
Millikin's	19 - 13
Custom Interior	19 - 13
Chemical Bank	17.5 - 14.5
Ginger's	16.5 - 15.5
Mercy Hospital	14 - 18
Aunt Betty's	12 - 20
Lady Slippers	7.5 - 24.5
High Game: L. Golnick, 221; C. Jones, 203; S. France, 197.	
High Series: L. Golnick, 567; T. Parker, 538; S. France, 537.	

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A Cut Above
Big Boy
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Discount Mart
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7-Eleven
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Steven's Family Circle
Appletree Adventures
Horizon Video
Rainbow Landscaping
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Ford's Do-It Center
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for your generous contributions that made our spaghetti dinner possible.
The Competition Team of the Louise Tournaud School of Dance!

YOUTH BOWLING

Transport

Chevelles	18 - 10
Mustangs	15 - 13
T-birds	14 - 14
Corvettes	14 - 14
Road Masters	14 - 14
Camaro's	13 - 15
Ramblers	13 - 15
Mercury Cruisers	11 - 17
High Scratch Game: Male - R. Stropaul, 181; Female - A. Yanniello, 131.	
High Scratch Series: Male - D.J. Canfield, 462; Female - K. Davis, 382.	
Most Pins Over Average Male - K. Louchart, 63; Female - B. Yanniello, 50.	
Most Pins Over Series Male - K.	

Fedak, 73; Female - A. Yanniello, 25.

Rock

Temptations	16.5 - 4.5
Beatles	15.5 - 5.5
Supremes	14 - 7
Tops	11 - 10
Dimensions	9 - 12
Rat Pack	7 - 14
Rolling Stones	6 - 15
Pretenders	5 - 16
High Scratch Game: Male - Z. Sheldon, 147; Female - J. Stewart, 120.	
High Scratch Series: Male - Z. Sheldon, 270; Female - J. Stewart, 225.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - Z. Sheldon, 46; Female - J. Stewart,	

36.

Most Pins Over Series: Male - B. Stevens, 7.

Roll

Hound Dogs	15 - 6
Leaders of the Pack	13 - 8
Limbo's	13 - 8
Blue Suedes	12.5 - 8.5
Rock'n Robins	11.5 - 9.5
Twisters	11 - 10
Surfers	7 - 14
Jail House Rockers	1 - 20
High Scratch Game: Male - J. Hagerman, 137; Female - M. McGuire, 116.	
High Scratch Series: Male - J. Hagerman, 230; Female - M. McGuire, 213.	
Most Pins Over Average: Male - M.	



Rathburn, 60; Female - M. McGuire, 36.
Most Pins Over Series: Male - M. Rathbun, 40; Female - J. Baker, 2.

1st Rnd. 2nd Rnd. 3rd Rnd. Regionals Semifinals Regionals 3rd Rnd. 2nd Rnd. 1st Rnd.

March 11th March 13th March 18th March 20th March 27th March 21st March 19th March 14th March 12th

1. Auburn
HART PONTIAC GMC BUICK

16. Winthrop
GAYLORD FORD

8. Syracuse
ARBY'S

9. Oklahoma St.
GRAY-ROCK CAFE

5. UCLA
CORNELL REAL ESTATE

12. Detroit
GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN

4. Ohio State
HART PONTIAC GMC BUICK

13. Murray State
J DAP CO.

6. Indiana
CLIFF WHEELER/SCHER MOTORS

11. G. Washington
RIVERLAND GEAR

3. St. John's
OLE DAM RD. PARTY STORE

14. Sanford
DON NESTER CHEVROLET

7. Louisville
SCOTT MCNAMARA FORD

10. Creighton
JC PENNEY

2. Maryland
TRI COUNTY MEATS

15. Valparaiso
JOHN HERRICK/DON NESTER

1. Connecticut
SUPER 8 MOTEL

16. T.San Antonio
CELLULAR ONE

8. Missouri
BICYCLE SHOP

9. New Mexico
CRAWFORD CO. ABSTRACT

5. Iowa
CHARLENE SCHEER
RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

12. Ala.-Birmingham
SCHEER MOTORS

4. Arkansas
AMERICAN LEGION

13. Siena
BC PIZZA

6. Florida
HART PONTIAC GMC BUICK

11. Penn
FLOWERS BY JOSIE

3. N. Carolina
DAYS INN

14. Weber St.
PAGEWORKS

7. Minnesota
BLOCK BUSTER

10. Gonzaga
LARRY & JOAN'S

2. Stanford
HEADS UP NORTH

15. Alcorn St.
LOOK INSURANCE

WEST

EAST

SOUTHEAST

1. Duke
WENDY'S OF GRAYLING

16. Florida A&M
JANSEN INSURANCE

8. Col. of Char.
CHARLIE'S COUNTRY CORNER

9. Tulsa
GLEN'S MARKET

5. Wisconsin
HI-TECH

12. SW Missouri St.
BRONCO AMOCO

4. Tennessee
SCOTT MCNAMARA FORD

13. Delaware
MCLEAN'S ACE HARDWARE

6. Temple
FICK & SONS

11. Kent
DIANE'S CAR WASH

3. Cincinnati
DOLLAR MART

14. George Mason
COMFORT CENTER

7. Texas
GRAYLING CHIROPRACTIC-
DR. DAMI

10. Purdue
RIALTO

2. Miami, Fla.
BUCCILLI'S

15. Lafayette
SYLVESTER'S SPORTS

1. Michigan St.
SAWMILL

16. Mt. St. Mary's
GRAYLING PHARMACY

8. Villanova
ABEL AUTO PARTS

9. Mississippi
DR. DEAN/DR. AUBRY

5. UNC-Charlotte
HARD BODYZ

12. Rhode Island
ERNE'S FLEA MARKET

4. Arizona
SHOWTIME COLLISION

13. Oklahoma
DAVIS JEWELLERS

6. Kansas
DUBOIS LUMBER

11. Evansville
J.J.'S MOTOR MALL

3. Kentucky
CRAIG HINKLE
RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

14. N. Mexico St.
GRAYLING ENTERTAINMENT

7. Washington
MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE

10. Miami, Ohio
GRAYLING GLASS

2. Utah
STAKE-OUT STEAKHOUSE

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 14-20

- ARIES**
March 21-April 20

You may find some of your budget tensions eased with money from an unexpected source. No matter what you decide you want to do with your newfound wealth, don't blow it. Use it to help you get out from under some bills.
- TAURUS**
April 21-May 21

By the end of the week, you should find yourself feeling more energetic and better able to deal with anything headed your way. That means the weekend will be a good time for you to handle those problems and projects going on at home.
- GEMINI**
May 22-June 21

Are you seeing changes in your circle of friends? This is a natural process—new friendships are formed, old ones fade away. During the emotional evolution, it's important that you stay open-minded and flexible and have a positive attitude.
- CANCER**
June 22-July 22

You have a great way of handling difficulties at work. By being tactfully vocal about them, you'll find others will have an even better attitude and more unified approach. Step up to challenges, but don't overdo it and burn yourself out.
- LEO**
July 23-August 23

This week it's important that you remember that you have a life outside of work. Your friends and loved ones are really starting to feel left out and neglected. Leave work early one day and take your positive attitude home with you.
- VIRGO**
August 24-September 22

Commitments are the name of the game early in the week. Handle your responsibilities at work and home with the greatest of care. Plan something extra special for the weekend, once you get all of your commitments out of the way.
- LIBRA**
September 23-October 23

Be prepared and plan your schedule for the week. Otherwise, you may get so busy, some events might get missed. Just remember how important organization, patience and understanding are to you and your busy schedule.
- SCORPIO**
October 24-November 22

Watch how you spend money this week. Don't blow it all on a luxury you really don't need. Consider speaking up at work to someone who has been irritating you lately. Not only will you feel better, your coworkers will appreciate it, too.
- SAGITTARIUS**
November 23-December 21

A new attitude is what you need. Start by trying to be more open and friendly at work and in your social life. Whatever you do, don't pass up an opportunity for self-improvement. Be careful about the risks you take this weekend.
- CAPRICORN**
December 22-January 20

Don't pass off your responsibilities to someone else. The chore may not be done thoroughly, which would reflect poorly on you. Delegation is not the way to go this week. Call an old friend you haven't seen for a while.
- AQUARIUS**
January 21-February 18

This is the week. It is time for the new you to establish your assertiveness, and the place to start is with that person who has taken advantage of your good nature. Don't allow it anymore. Your new attitude will help at home, too.
- PISCES**
February 19-March 20

Don't become too obsessive about work or home. You're hurting your image, especially in the workplace, because you cannot leave well enough alone. It's time to take a break; this attitude is directly related to the stress in your life and could affect your health.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ALMOND MUFFINS

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) spread, softened
3/4 cup PLUS 1 tbsp. sugar
2 eggs, room temperature
1-1/3 cups buttermilk, room temperature
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup sliced almonds with skins

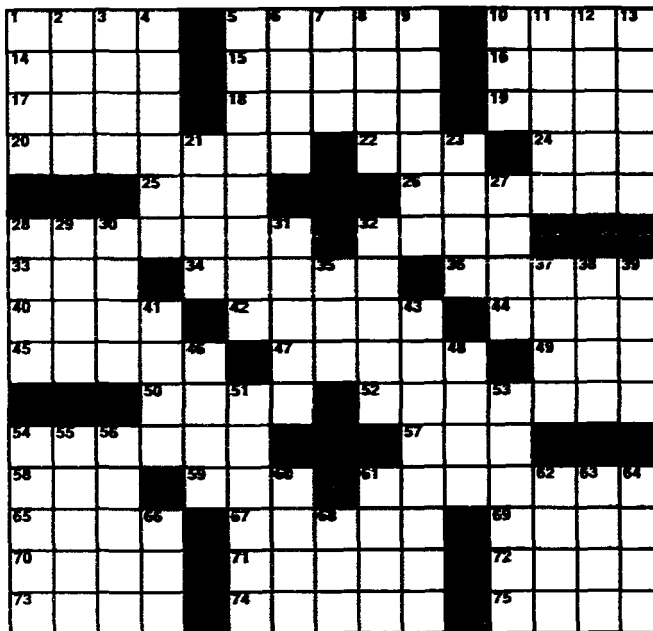
Preheat oven to 375°. Grease 12-cup muffin pan or line with paper cupcake liners; set

aside. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt until blended; set aside. In a large bowl, with electric mixer, beat spread and 3/4 cup sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in eggs until well blended. With mixer on low, alternately beat in flour mixture and buttermilk with almond extract, beginning and ending with flour mixture, just until blended. Evenly spoon batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle tops with remaining 1 tbsp. sugar and almonds. Bake 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean and tops are lightly browned. On wire rack, cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and serve warm or cool completely.



HOME NEEDED - Here are 3 of 4 kittens ready to be adopted at the animal shelter. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Foul covering on liquid
5. "Cheers" actress Pearlman, et al.
10. Back talk
14. Mammal genus
15. "The ___ bird catches the worm."
16. River in England
17. Root, as in a word
18. Where cows and pigs live
19. Town in Galilee
20. Member of U.S. Navy
22. Dined
24. That girl
25. Bobby ____, NHL champ
26. Indirect tax levied on certain commodities
28. Cowards
32. Hebrew unit of measure
33. Secreted by the posterior or pituitary gland
34. Constellation near Aquarius
36. Languages of Sulu islands
40. CCC
42. Short-billed rails
44. Cold wind
45. Mountain peak
47. Black, homeless breed from Scotland
49. Picture: shortened form
50. Netherlands river
52. Paints
54. Gambling establishment
57. ___ Grande
58. First three letters

59. ___ Gartunkel, member of old musical duo
61. Gets larger, as in a pupil
65. Sheep noises
67. Casserole
69. Clenophores lacking tentacles; comprises one genus
70. Liberal rights organization; abbr.
71. Unaccompanied and apart from others
72. Abba ____, Israeli politician
73. Container covers
74. Clearances
75. Fallow deer

DOWN

1. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
2. Advance evidence for
3. The chief solid component of mammalian urine
4. Caribbean dances
5. Umpire's counterparts
6. Robert ____, poet
7. "To ___ is human, to forgive is divine."
8. ___ matter, one's school
9. Comes after "eco" and before "atic"
10. A pouchlike structure in a plant or animal
11. Woolly lemur
12. Sound units
13. A trapping device; also a type of drum

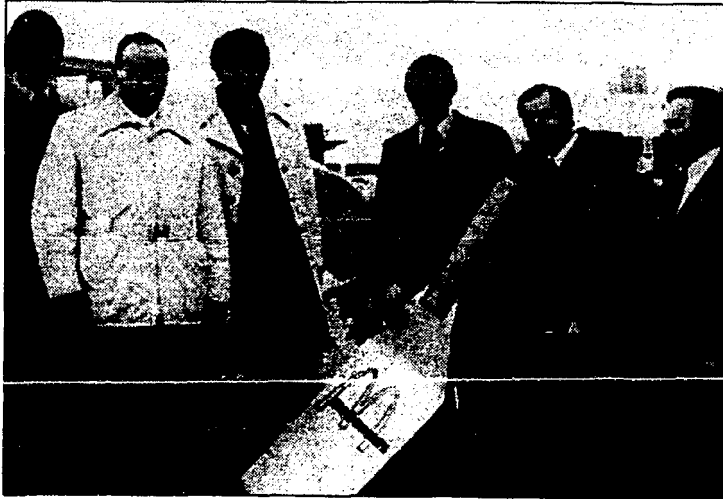
21. ___ Clapton, musician
23. XXX
27. Crustacean with pinchers for hands
28. Tackle the quarterback
29. Thought
30. Noah's oldest son
31. Greek porticoes
32. A tributary of the Missouri River
35. Vase used to put cremated ashes in
37. Be gloomy; to sulk
38. Plant part
39. Pouches
41. Partial; prefix
43. Daybreaks
46. Source of the Blue Nile
48. Take a trip on a boat
51. Main arteries in the heart
53. Groaned
54. A clique that seeks power usually through intrigue
55. Ancient calculating devices
56. Bum with a hot liquid
60. Western Samoa
61. Sandy piece of seashore
62. Large, low-toned brass instrument
63. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
64. Capital of Yemen
66. Type genus of the Suidae
68. Politician; abbr.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 11, 1976

Participating in ground breaking ceremonies for McDonald's were from the left, Rick Steckley and Dick Steckley, co-owners; Paul Thomson, Camber President; Bob Sutherland, manager of the new operation; Mayor Derek McEvers, and City Manager, Jerry Morford.



Mrs. Jane A. Welsh celebrated her 87th birthday. She received a card from President and Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Welsh noted that while she received many nice cards, letters and flowers for her birthday, the one from Gerald R. Ford and Betty Ford will always have a special place in her memory.

March arrived as the lion on his first day and lingered in our midst the rest of the week. For the first time in memory, schools in the county had more snow days than school days, as they managed one and one-half days of school due to rain, ice, snow and wind. Grayling and a portion of the county, plus the northern part of Roscommon county and the city of Roscommon was without electrical power Sunday afternoon, March 7th for about 3 1/2 hours. Between 6 and 7 thousand

families were without power according to a Crawford County Sheriff's officer.

The Earl Osborn residence located 1 1/2 miles north of Lovells on F-97 was totally destroyed by fire.

Charlie Kroll, one of our old time Grayling citizens and angling nuts, has written a fishing book entitled "Squaretail" which deals with

brook trout. The book is a result of the field notes Charlie kept in his over 40 pursuit of brookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crosby were feted for their 50th wedding anniversary at the Bear Lake Community Center. A beautiful 4-tier cake baked and decorated by their daughter Mrs. Bernard Morey of Midland was the centerpiece at the honor guest's table.

46 Years Ago
March 12, 1953

Tex Hunter, Grayling High school graduate and son of Mrs. Tillie Hunter of Grayling received word this week at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he is serving in the U. S. Army that he was being nominated by Representative Elford Cederberg to the Secretary of the

Army as third alternate for appointment to West Point.

John LaMotte and son Kermit who are employed in Albion spent the weekend at their home in Beaver Creek.

Debbie May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank May, Jr., was a great big one-year old on Sunday, March 8th.

69 Years Ago
March 13, 1930

Keen interest in basketball, loyalty of fans to follow their home teams and fine weather contributed greatly to the record breaking attendance at the 32nd District Basketball Tournament held in Grayling gymnasium March 6-8. Grayling-McBain are tournament champions with West Branch and Hillman runners-up.

John Kellogg, son of J. E. Kellogg of Lovells, left last Sunday for Mexico, where he will be employed by the U.S. Graphite Company. His brother, Carl, is also employed by this company at the present time.

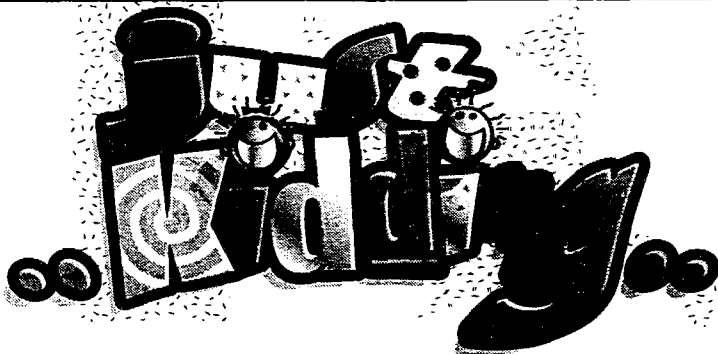
The friends of Lt. Russell (Emerson) Bates as well as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bates are pleased to know that he has been appointed instructor for M.S.C. and will begin his duties next July.

92 Years Ago
March 14, 1907

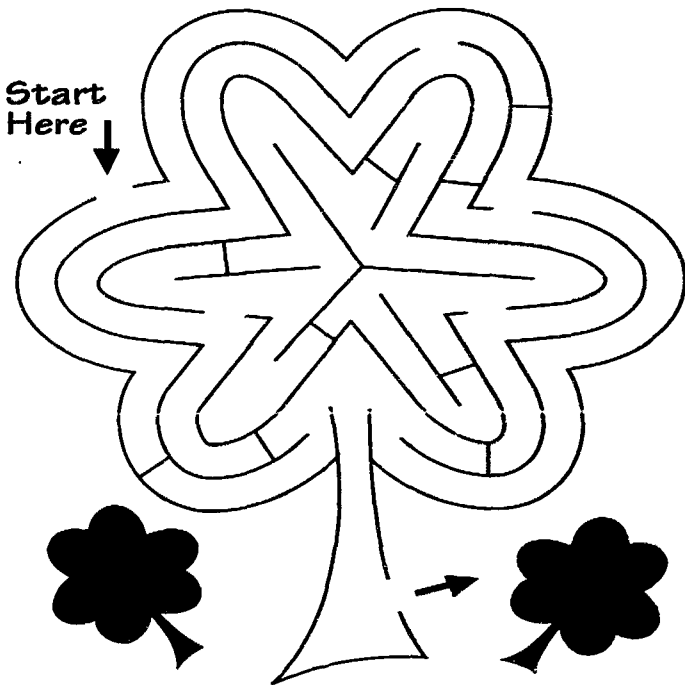
Only 20 votes were polled at the village election last Monday. Not enough for a scrap.

A lot of school kids ought to be spanked. They were allowed to hold a box social at the school house last Friday evening and at about 10:00 p.m. kept that part of the village excited for half an hour or more by spasmodic clanging of the bell.

It was not funny.



Start Here



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
3/3	36	19	5"	10"
3/4	33	14	0.5"	9.5"
3/5	25	13		9.5"
3/6	24	12	1"	10"
3/7	18	-13		10"
3/8	26	-10		10"
3/9	29	-8		9"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will be partly cloudy with scattered flurries east of I-75 and a high about 30. Friday will be partly cloudy with a chance of scattered flurries east of I-75, a low of 10-15 and a high about 30. Saturday will have scattered flurries with a low of 15-20 and a high in the 30's.

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1. Real Estate

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BEAUTIFUL AUSABLE RIVER FRONT home, with three bedrooms and two baths. Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com Listing #4328. (-11-18/1)

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1. Real Estate

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NEWLY BUILT Three bedroom, attached garage on five acres two miles from Grayling. \$72,500 (517) 348-4840 (-25-4-11-18/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Two bedroom apartments in town \$425 per month plus gas. References and security deposit. Call (517) 348-2473. leave message. (12/3/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Office building 1,000, 2,000, or 3,000 sq. ft. Available, M-72 West. Call Randy (517) 348-5474. (1/7/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

WORKING IN THE AREA? Need a place to stay. Kitchenettes available. North Country Lodge. (517) 348-8471 (-25-4-11-18-25/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Two bedroom home on AuSable River mainstream. Lease or month-to-month. \$550 a month plus deposit. Call (517) 348-7893. (2/11/99tf/2)

We're all about Up North!



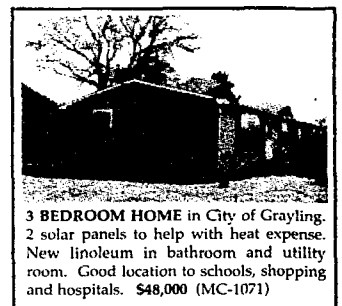
Residential
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NEWLY REMODELED home on a lot 112 x 130. Has 2 bedrooms, new carpet, windows, doors, and vinyl siding. Freshly painted and includes washer & dryer. Reduced \$45,500 (DL-1190)



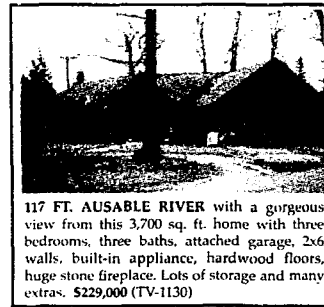
FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Insulated and lighted black gravel with cement floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Double lot. Kitchen has oak Merillat cabinets. All appliances included. Beautiful view. \$112,000 (JW-SIW-1136)



3 BEDROOM HOME in City of Grayling. New solar panels to help with heat expense. New linoleum in bathroom and utility room. Good location to schools, shopping and hospitals. \$48,000 (MC-1071)



TRIPLEX ON THE BEAUTIFUL AU-SABLE RIVER. All three units have a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom & bath, stove & refrigerator. \$98,000 (MC-1070)



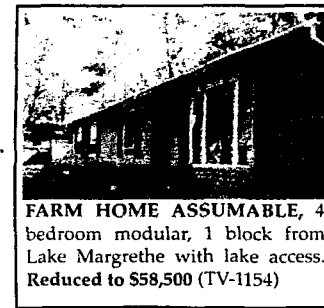
117 FT. AUSABLE RIVER with a gorgeous view from this 3,700 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, three baths, attached garage, 2x6 walls, built-in appliances, hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Lots of storage and many extras. \$229,000 (TV-1130)



HOME ON 7.5 ACRES. Three bedroom home features two baths, vaulted ceilings, wood stove hearth, thermpane windows throughout, washer/dryer included, two-story garage with plenty of storage, curbside trash removal, private road and nestled among an enchanted forest. \$78,900 (KM-1220)



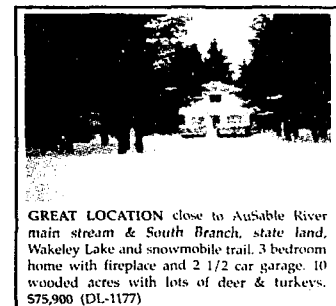
MODERN CABIN located just over 200' from the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with private access. 1 bedroom, bath, enclosed porch and a storage building. \$42,900 (DL-1192)



FARM HOME ASSUMABLE, 4 bedroom modular, 1 block from Lake Margrethe with lake access. Reduced to \$58,500 (TV-1154)



THREE YEAR OLD WELL BUILT home in the city. Oak kitchen cabinets, attached garage with a cement drive & apron, full finished basement, 4+ bedrooms, 2 full baths. \$89,000 (DM-1194)



GREAT LOCATION close to AuSable River main stream & South Branch, state land, Wakeley Lake and snowmobile trail, 3 bedroom home with fireplace and 2 1/2 car garage. 10 wooded acres with lots of deer & turkeys. \$75,900 (DL-1177)



HORSESHOE TRAIL is the location of this 2 bedroom home located on 2.5 acres close access to AuSable River. State land and snowmobile trails. \$43,400 (DL-1146)



GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES is the location of 4 new modulars, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, block foundation each on a nice lot. Ask about our rent - purchase program for qualified buyers. \$55,900 (LM-1024)

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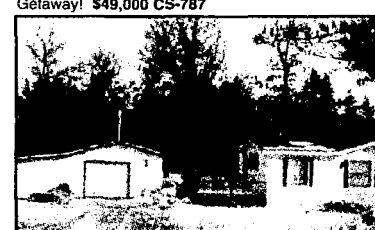
Equal Housing Opportunity. Each Office Independently Owned & Operated. Valuation Specialist: CRB, CRF, CRG, ABR



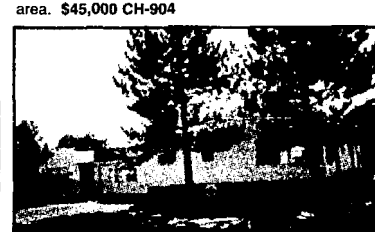
704 PARK STREET, conveniently located within Grayling city limits. 3 bedroom home, basement, covered front porch, wheelchair accessible ramp, immediate occupancy and 20x20 barn. Priced right at \$35,900 CH-905



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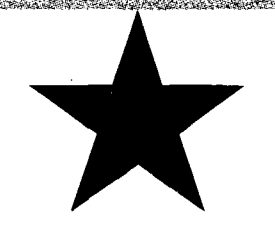
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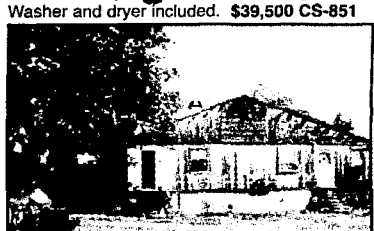


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3. Employment

MACHINE TOOL/AUTOMATION ELECTRICIAN Air Way Automation, a northern Michigan manufacturer of automated parts feeding and assembly equipment has openings for a Machine Tool/Automation Electrician. The Candidates must be familiar with wiring of necessary components. PLC programming experience a plus. Please send letter including salary expectations and resume to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. Fax delivery (517) 348-8967. (-11-18/3)

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3. Employment

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X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST wanted full-time mobile x-ray. Benefit package plus 401K plan. Send resume to: Nursing Home Group, 200 Huron, Suite 100, Grayling, MI 49738. (-11-18/3)

3. Employment

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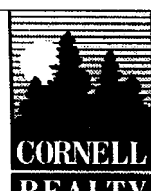
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383

OR
PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.
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3. Employment

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SMALL BUSINESS seeks part-time individual to fill a data entry position to input warranty claims. Seeking a hard worker, fast learner, and detail oriented. Flexible hours, possibility of becoming a full-time position. Must fill position immediately. Typing skills a must. Send resume and salary requirements to: P.O. Box 405, Grayling, MI 49738 (-4-11/3)

USA TODAY newspaper has a part-time delivery opportunity in Antrim, Kalkaska counties. Responsibilities include early morning M-F delivery and collections. Must have reliable vehicle, valid license and insurance and good credit. Sound interesting? Call 1-800-778-5266, ext. 235. (-4-11/3)

SURGICAL TECHNICIAN Full-time (80 hours biweekly) day shift. Certification and experience preferred. If interested, please send resumes to: Janet Norton, Human Resources Manager, West Branch Regional Medical Center, Department 2, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, MI 48661 (-11-18/3)

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3. Employment

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POSTING DATE: March 4, 1999
POSITION: Cook AuSable Primary School
DESCRIPTION, QUALIFICATIONS, WORK YEAR, SALARY: Available at 403 Michigan Avenue
APPLY TO: Paul B. Lerg, Assistant Superintendent Crawford AuSable School 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738
DEADLINE: March 18, 1999
Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement

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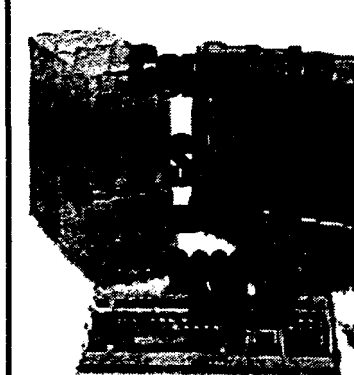
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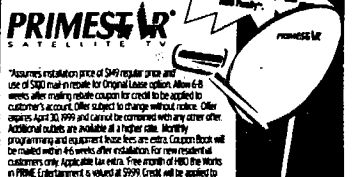
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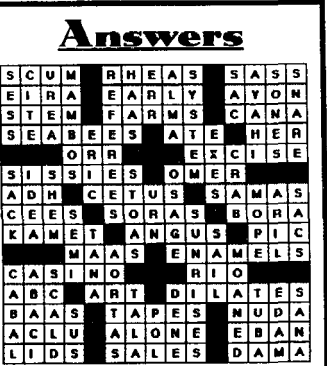
'87 HONDA 250R \$2,400 Call after 5:30 p.m. M-F, (517) 879-4269. (2/18/99tf/5)

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ARCHERY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE Two Bear bows, one Kodiak II 1998, all decked out at Skips Sport Shop. One Mountain Star Bear bow 1999, never been used. \$25 stabilizer bar, string silencers, \$40 fiber optic sights. \$25 hunting quiver. Hunting arrows and target arrows. Broad heads and field points. Mountain Star Bear bow range 65-80#, 31" draw, Kodiak 30" draw, range 50-65#. Plenty of camouflage clothing, insulated gloves and hats. Some insulated, mostly newer equipment. One flame orange hunting suit, one piece insulated flame orange hat with camouflaged three pair camo gloves, two face nets, two camo hats. All items priced to sell separately or \$700 for all equipment. very fair prices reduced. (-11-18/5)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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These grants, which will be awarded in October of 1999, are for three years of funding (on a declining fee scale). Funding is available to any local, statewide, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

Any organization that applies is required to provide matching funds for dollars requested and granted. All applications must be reviewed by CTF local council in the applicant's area prior to submission to CTF for consideration. The Crawford - Roscommon Child Protection Council (C-R CPC) will review applications at its March 18, 1999 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CR-CPC Post Office Box 2, Roscommon, Michigan 48653 no later than Friday March 12, 1999. Applications must be received in the CTF office by 5:00 pm on April 16, 1999.

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8. Announcements

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Benefit Dinner for Emily Grosskopf March 17 4-8 at the Grayling Eagles Hall M-72 East. Corn beef and cabbage. \$5 adult. \$2.50 children. (-4-11/8)

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COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)


8. Announcements

GET GREEN WITH US at Spikes Keg O'Nails on March 17. Join us for food and drink specials all day. Bring kids early to enjoy Karaoke beginning at 8 p.m. (-11-18/8)

9. Personals

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Congratulations Joshua!!



We are very proud of you!
Love - Gram, Tom, Aunt
Judy and Uncle Bud

10. Garage Sales

HEATED GARAGE SALE Lots of new stuff. 2 1/2 miles east on North Down River Rd., Saturday, March 13, 9-5. (-11/10)

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2 garages, 1 attached and storage shed. Beautifully Glass enclosed sunroom off the living room. Natural fireplace and large bay window in kitchen. Quiet county maintained road. #4410 \$64,900 Ask for John Kuszak!



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